

## Red Sea tops Lebanon as chief Arab concern

By ANAN SAFADI  
Post Middle East Editor

Southern Lebanon last night faded from the current central issue of the Middle East as Arab leaders turned their attention to the uncertain waters of the Red Sea.

In a low-key meeting in Beirut yesterday, Lebanese President Elias Sarkis and Christian and Moslem leaders from southern Lebanon pledged to restore normalcy along Lebanon's border with Israel. They did not elaborate, though the pledge was presumed to mean dispatching Lebanese security forces to southern Lebanon and curbing the presence of the Palestine Liberation Organization in the area.

The Egyptian press has recently stepped up its allegations of increased Israeli presence at the mouth of the Red Sea. The Cairo newspapers yesterday claimed that Israel has been beefing up its presence on the Ethiopian coast, especially in the Dahlak islands off the Massawa harbour and an inlet near the port of Assab. Both of these Ethiopian ports are located in Eritrea, claimed by Arab-backed secessionist rebels.

In an apparent reply to Ethiopian protests over Arab intrigues, the Syrian ruling party yesterday reiterated the determination to restore the Red Sea's Arab character, claiming that the waterway had always been both historically and geographically an Arab lake.

Many regional observers yesterday remained puzzled by the sudden

ly mounting Arab uproar over the Red Sea. One school of thought was that the target was not so much Israel as Ethiopia, which is currently entangled in border conflicts with neighbouring Sudan and Somalia — both members of the Arab League.

This school thought said the situation was heated by French plans to hold an independence referendum next month in the Arab-orientated Afars and Issas colony, which controls the Red Sea's strategic Bab al-Mandeb straits. Ethiopia and Somalia are locked in territorial claims over the colony, whose port of Djibouti is a vital lifeline for Addis Ababa.

Another school of thought holds that the target behind the Arab uproar is the Soviet Union — now reportedly launching a drive, with the aid of Cubans, to replace the Americans as the dominant power in Ethiopia. Saudi Arabia and Egypt have for some time been combating Soviet entrenchment in Somalia, where the Kremlin has one of its biggest African investments.

The Red Sea "Arabization" episode was raised for the first time last weekend at a limited Khartoum summit of the heads of state of Sudan, Egypt and Syria. The three countries set up a joint political command.

Arab League Secretary-General Mahmoud Riad earlier blocked an African attempt to raise the Red Sea controversy at a Cairo conference of Afro-Arab Foreign Ministers now preparing for next Monday's summit of Afro-Arab leaders at the Egyptian capital. Riad said that the Arabs did not want the conference to turn into a public airing of regional quarrels.

"No regional or local problems are going to be raised at the Afro-Arab summit," he said.

"The place to discuss such problems is the Organization of African Unity (OAU)," Riad said. He added that the conference was confined to establishing foundations for political and economic cooperation between the Arabs and Africa.

Sixty-one delegates, including 30 heads of state, are scheduled to take part in the Cairo parley, whose foreign affairs chiefs have already authored a joint "declaration" condemning Zionism, apartheid and colonialism.



FROLICKING IN THE SNOW. — Costumed young revellers who returned from a Purim party in Jerusalem last night gleefully play in the snow which rapidly covered the capital after falling from late in the afternoon.

## SNOW COATS CAPITAL

The weather played a Purim joke on Jerusalem yesterday, enveloping it with a March snowfall.

The cold rain which had been falling on the city in the afternoon began to turn white shortly before dusk. After seeming to change its mind, the snow returned a few hours later and began sticking in earnest to the streets.

The Municipality, many of whose senior employees had been looking forward to a weekend holiday, announced that emergency steps had been taken in case the snow threatened to close streets.

The city snow headquarters was set up at about seven o'clock last night, to coordinate snowplough and salt-spreading operations with the police and the army.

By late last night a number of minor traffic accidents had been reported, but there were no injuries. The whole country felt the sharp contrast with the spring weather which graced most of February.

Heavy rain fell on Western Galilee through most of yesterday. The upper Galilee and the Golan Heights had snowfalls and bitter cold, and Kiryat Shmona's main street was flooded by an icy torrent of water from the mountains.

Jerusalem Post Staff

The whole area, including Safed, the Golan Heights and Mt. Meron, was covered in dense fog towards evening. Traffic came to a virtual standstill.

More rain is expected in the northern and central areas at the weekend, and there is a chance of further snow in the hills and the Jerusalem area.

Meanwhile the weatherman's monthly report for January says that temperatures for that month were average and rainfall ranged from lower than usual for the time of year in the north, to near average in the centre and somewhat above average in the Negev.

## Ten killed on roads; eight were soldiers

Jerusalem Post Staff and Itim

An army colonel and his driver were killed yesterday morning in one of a series of road accidents here and abroad that claimed the lives of 10 Israelis in the past 48 hours. Eight of the victims were in the defence forces.

Aluf Mishne (Col.) Amir Yaffe, 37, of Maoz Haim and Samal Yair Yashai Raviv, 21, were killed at 7 a.m. yesterday at the Rosh Ha'ayin intersection. Their car, which was driven by Sergeant Raviv, veered across the road after hitting a deep puddle and collided with a bus.

Yaffe, commander of an armoured brigade in Sinai, was one of the IDF's outstanding young officers. He earned the medal for courage for his actions as an Armoured Corps battalion commander during the Yom Kippur War. Promoted to the rank of colonel in 1974, he had served as an instructor at the Staff and Command College.

Yaffe leaves a wife, four children and his parents. He will be buried at Maoz Haim at 1 p.m. today.

Yaffe was a cousin of Spag-Aluf Yossi Yaffe, who was killed earlier this week when his jeep struck a mine near Nitzana.

Sergeant Raviv will be buried at the Holon military cemetery at 11 a.m. today.

On Wednesday, Segen Marky (Mordechai) Raanan, 22, of Beersheba, was fatally injured in an accident in the South. (See separate story, page 2).

In Scotland two members of the Israel Defence Forces were killed and two others seriously injured on Wednesday when their car collided with a heavy truck.

Dead are Rav-Toral (Corporal) Hanoach Add and Rav-Samal Aza.



A/M Amir Yaffe

(Sergeant Major) Haim Tal, who were in Argyle for a submarine training programme. The injured are Uri Har-Zahav and Shimon Kfir. All were said to be in their early 20s. The accident occurred on the Livery Road in a mountainous area.

Back in Israel, four persons were killed on the Coastal Road at 1.30 p.m. yesterday when their car collided head on with a truck near Nitzana. Three of the passengers in the car were soldiers.

The names of the fatalities were not released last night.

In another accident yesterday afternoon, 20-year-old Eliezer Sabo of Kibbutz Kfar Hamacabi was killed in a head-on collision with a bus. The accident occurred near Kiryat Ata.

## Lebanese group here asks for aid from Vatican

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The 17-member delegation from southern Lebanon at present in Israel met here yesterday with diplomatic representatives of France, Belgium and the Vatican.

In separate meetings, lasting about six hours, they explained that the Christian military and economic situation in southern Lebanon is very difficult. If it had not been for Israel's aid, things would have been worse, they stressed.

They asked that the Christian world, especially the Vatican, come to their assistance.

Members of the delegation also met with Israel government officials. They refused to give details of the talks or to disclose names of the officials involved, but said they were satisfied with the outcome.

The delegation returns to Lebanon this morning.

## Rabin to stress basic concord in U.S. visit

Post Diplomatic Reporter

The main purpose of Prime Minister Rabin's talks in Washington next week will be to establish a basic political understanding with President Carter and the members of his new administration.

According to top-level sources, Rabin does not intend to put forward any new political proposals, but will be intent on laying out in detail the existing fundamentals of Israel policy on ways of achieving a Middle East peace settlement.

According to these sources, there are no specific operative problems between Israel and the U.S. that must be resolved during Rabin's visit. The U.S. Administration has already submitted a \$1.8b. aid package for the 1977-1978 fiscal year to Congress, arms deliveries are proceeding on schedule, and the recent talks here with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance laid the groundwork for closer coordination on bilateral issues.

Neither the aborted sale of Kfir

planes to Ecuador nor President Carter's decision to cancel the sale of concussion bombs to Israel will figure prominently in the talks, the sources said. Rabin is said to consider these as "secondary" matters that must not be allowed to eclipse what he terms "basics," namely a common understanding with the Carter Administration on the political issues involved in reaching a Middle East settlement.

The sources noted that in the talks with Vance there was already tacit agreement that to reach a settlement Israel must remain strong, that such a settlement should not be "imposed" by the Big Powers and that it should be achieved as the result of negotiations by the parties rather than blueprints from Washington or elsewhere.

In preparation for his Washington talks, Rabin met yesterday with Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, Defence Minister Shimon Peres, the Chief of Staff, Minister Israel Galili and other aides.

## U.S. mum on reactors

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is unlikely to receive a final reply from the Carter Administration during his visit here next week on the sale of two U.S.-made nuclear reactors, promised in June 1974, by former President Richard Nixon.

Diplomatic sources, in pointing this out yesterday to reporters, noted that Secretary of State Cyrus Vance told Congress earlier this week that the government-wide review of U.S. foreign sales of nuclear reactors would not be concluded before March 8 and that final policies would not be outlined by the President before the end of March.

During his visit to Jerusalem and Cairo in 1974, Nixon promised two nuclear reactors each to Israel and Egypt. Since then, negotiations over strict safeguards and financial arrangements have been concluded.

Although Israel was concerned over the two reactors to be sold to Egypt, Jerusalem was informed by

the Ford Administration that nothing could be done to block that sale. Israel reluctantly decided to go ahead with its own proposed purchase.

But the Carter Administration has undertaken an extensive review of nuclear proliferation abroad, including a reappraisal of the sales to Egypt, Israel and other countries. Administration officials are tightlipped about the outcome of that review.

During the presidential campaign, Carter expressed concern over the nuclear reactor deal with Egypt, fearful that it could result in the development of nuclear weapons.

Since taking office, he has not spoken directly on the issue.

Israel, sources here said, is now most anxious to win approval for the two reactors. The issue can be expected to surface during Rabin's talks here — although it is unclear whether the Prime Minister will discuss it with Carter or during one of his separate meetings with Vance.

## Syrians still below Red Line

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Syrian troops who recently moved out of the Lebanese town of Nabatiya still remain south of Israel's "Red Line" in Lebanon.

Qualified sources in Jerusalem said yesterday that Prime Minister Rabin will discuss this during his talks in Washington next week.

Syrian evacuation of Nabatiya was achieved in advance of U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's visit to the Middle East last month. But the pre-Nabatiya status quo has not been restored, and the Lebanese Government has not yet been able to mount its own forces to bring stability to South Lebanon.

There is a fear in Washington that

some Christian elements in South Lebanon could be interested in enticing the Syrians to remain in the south in order to provoke a Syrian-Israeli confrontation to serve the Christian interest in Lebanon against the Moslems.

According to this reading, Lebanese President Sarkis may have proposed a U.N. presence in South Lebanon to counter such a scheme.

Israel opposes any Syrian military presence in South Lebanon, is sceptical about a U.N. presence, but would accept a genuine Lebanese force in the area that could assure Moslem-Christian tranquility and prevent terrorist incursions.

## ILO drops bid to probe Areas

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The International Labour Organization Executive yesterday released its head, at his own request, from having to carry out a 1974 resolution demanding an investigation into alleged "Israeli oppression" of Arab labourers in the administered territories.

The vote — 310 to 22 — came after ILO secretary general Francois

Blanchard told the Executive that while Israel had agreed to a "survey" to be conducted by a noted Norwegian jurist, the Arabs had turned the Norwegian down.

Officials in Jerusalem last night hoped the unaccommodated development reflected the dissatisfaction of professional UN civil servants at the politicization of the world body's specialized agencies.

## Labour chiefs say dispute won't affect campaign unity

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Post Political Reporter

EL AVIV. — Labour Party election leaders, holding their first full-dress meeting yesterday, agreed that the ill-unresolved differences on division of power between the Rabin and Peres camps would not stand in the way of cooperation during the campaign.

At the election meeting of the heads of Labour's 15 regions, Peres supporters were confident that the "bombs" would be resolved. "Our aim problem is to win," one Peres supporter said. "We're not going to govt the elections. Did you ever see anyone boycotting himself?"

Commerce and Industry Minister Amr Bar-Lev, Labour's campaign manager, called on the regions to set their campaign teams immediately. Labour's drive for votes the May 17 election begins on Sunday.

Meanwhile, a meeting between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Defence Minister Shimon Peres, set to iron out difficulties in the

allocation of key party posts between supporters of the two men, was called off yesterday — by the third man at the twice-postponed talks, party Secretary-General Meir Zarmi. It now appears that the Rabin-Peres meeting will not take place until after the Prime Minister returns from next week's trip to Washington, although it is certain to precede the convening of the new Central Committee later this month.

Zarmi told the campaign leaders that he was confident the party's internal disagreements would be solved within a few days. He was "working very hard" on the matter, he said.

The secretary-general added that he expected to convene the new 81-member Central Committee within a fortnight and present to it his proposals on the composition of the party's senior forums.

Sources in the Peres camp speculated that Zarmi has failed to bridge the gap between their demand for virtually equal power with Rabin, and the Prime Minister's insistence that he is the number one man and there is no room for bargaining.

A key figure in Peres' camp, Dr. Michael Bar-Zohar, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday he did not believe the apparent impasse would end in an "explosion."

A source close to Zarmi said the secretary-general has received numerous suggestions on how the

## Arab schools found lacking

By AARON SITNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A shocking profile of the state-operated school system in the Arab sector was unveiled by a Knesset committee this week. But the picture, contained in a five-page, closely typed mimeographed report, went almost unnoticed, obscured by political developments and the collapse of the national wage policy.

In August 1974 the Knesset referred to the Education Committee a motion for the agenda in-

troduced by Jaber Muadi (Alignment), now Deputy Minister of Agriculture. It concerned "the situation of Arab schoolchildren." Then, last June, Mapam's Aharon Efrat introduced a similar motion, on the condition of primary school education in Israel's Arab communities. But it was not until Monday of this week that the committee released its findings and recommendations, based on 10 sittings devoted to the two motions.

After hearing testimony by Arab educators, representatives of the Ministry of Education and Culture, heads of Arab local authorities and scholars who had researched the subject, the Knesset Education Committee found that:

• For years, the Government has failed to invest sufficiently in Arab school construction and development. As a result, between 4,000 and 5,000 classrooms are lacking.

• Classroom density is greater than in Jewish schools, with many classes held in leased quarters spread all over the villages; many of the buildings are substandard in sanitation and maintenance.

• There is a "serious shortage" of science laboratories, libraries and gymnasiums, and the State Lands Authority and local councils impede allocation of land for public use, such as for school facilities.

These dismal facts, says the Education Committee, will show their sad results among the next

generation of Israeli Arab adults. The school dropout rate in the Arab sector "has already reached alarming proportions and surpasses by far the dropout rate in the Jewish sector."

Most of the Arab school dropouts occur in grades seven through nine.

The committee also discovered that the quality of textbooks used in Arab schools is low, and even had textbooks are in short supply in such fields as the natural sciences and Islamic and Middle Eastern studies.

Although there is a great demand for vocational and agricultural training among Arab youngsters, there are only three vocational schools serving the Arab sector, compared with 318 in the Jewish sector.

While the Jewish sector is served by 27 agricultural schools, the Arab sector has only two.

Arab schools are not included in the various "special attention" programmes maintained by the Education Ministry for culturally deprived pupils, the committee says.

A possible reason for this, it adds, is the "serious shortage of budget and manpower allocated to the Ministry's Arab Education and Culture Department."

Summing up its findings, the Knesset Education Committee makes 18 recommendations designed to "equalize the quality of education between the Arab and Jewish sectors in the State of Israel."

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## Ludvinna Janssen gets 6 years

TEL AVIV. — Ludvinna Janssen, the 34-year-old Dutch woman who was convicted of aiding a terrorist organization, was sentenced to six years imprisonment in the District Court yesterday.

Janssen was arrested on the eve of the Hashana at Ben-Gurion Airport, when she arrived in Israel on an information-gathering mission for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

During sentence, the bench of three judges said they could not ignore the recent acts of terror that had been carried out by the terrorist organizations in some of which Janssen had been involved.

A country in a state of siege, waging a bitter struggle against terrorism, cannot allow itself to deal leniently with the perpetrators of such acts or their emissaries when they are brought to trial, they said. When the sentence was translated into English, Janssen covered her face and wept.

The court was crammed by legal correspondents, the Dutch being particularly well represented. Some of the Dutch journalists had been present at every session of Janssen's trial. Members of the Dutch consular staff were in court when sentence was read.

The judges stressed that Janssen was not being punished for acts committed by others, and rejected the plea of defence counsel Felicia.



Ludvinna Janssen weeps in the dock as sentence is passed on her for aiding a terrorist organization. (Camera 13)

Langer that the sentence gave expression to popular feelings of revenge. The bench quoted the Sages to the effect that he who shows mercy to the cruel ends by being cruel to the merciful.

The judges pointed out that Janssen's acts could have resulted in terrible consequences had their intended course been fulfilled. This had been prevented not by hesitance on the part of the accused, they said, but only through her capture.

After sentence was passed, district attorney Sara Serota, who conducted the prosecution case, said she intended to appeal against Janssen's acquittal on the charge of making contact with a hostile agent. The judges, in reaching their verdict, had said that the present state of the interpretation of the law made it impossible to convict Janssen on this count. Defence counsel Langer gave notice that she would appeal against the severity of the sentence. (Itim)

## KGB treading on activists' heels

TEL AVIV. — Aliya activists in Moscow and other Soviet cities are "a great escalation in tension" within local Zionist circles following a recent increase in the number of KGB agents, arches, and harassment. They have been having more and more daily talking Jews more often, but not harassing them from only a short distance behind.

Aliya circles in Israel said it was the recent step-up by the KGB in its connections with overt Soviet pleasure over the sympathy U.S. President Jimmy Carter has expressed for Soviet groups demanding internal liberalisation. But they did it could also be part of the KGB's reaction to a demonstration in Moscow by 65 activists in the offices of the Supreme Soviet.

The Soviet step-up to Dina Shilo, one of Moscow's most vocal Jewish activists, is perhaps symptomatic. Wherever she goes she is followed by a distance of two metres by two KGB agents, who do not even seem to conceal their activities. If she quickens her pace, they curse loudly and sometimes threaten.

The secret policemen often interfere in her conversations with other people. And they are turning her neighbours against her, saying in their ears that she is spying during all hours of the day, thinking her horns.

Activists have termed this "far more than routine surveillance. It is outright pressure," they say.

By SARAH HONIG  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

In Israel, meanwhile, Dr. Pinhas Kinnok has demanded to be allowed to see his brother Leib in Moscow's notorious Vladimir Prison, in order to give him a medical checkup. Leib has suffered persistent and severe internal hemorrhages in recent months.

It is feared that Kinnok may be suffering from cancer and a number of other doctors around the world have asked to look at the 33-year-old Riga electrician. But thus far all appeals to the prison authorities to hospitalize and examine him have been fruitless.

Kinnok was sentenced to 10 years hard labour under "harsh regime" for his part in the 1970 Leninist plot to hijack a plane out of the Soviet Union. In August 1975 he was moved from a labour camp to Vladimir Prison, where conditions are reported to be the worst in the entire Soviet penal system. He has since been kept in solitary confinement for prolonged periods.

Leib Kinnok's wife Meri now lives in Israel, with their young son Yigal, who was born after his arrest and whom Kinnok has never seen. She too has asked to visit her husband. The son of Dr. Mikhail Shtram, another prisoner of Zion, has meanwhile asked the U.S. and French presidents and the U.S. Secretary of State to intercede on behalf of the 58-year-old endocrinologist, who has been placed

in solitary confinement in a special punishment cell.

Shtern's son Victor, who along with his brother August came to Israel after his father's 1974 trial, said the solitary confinement means Dr. Shtern will be given very light clothing and kept in an unheated room, despite the harsh Soviet winter.

Solitary confinement also means a daily food-ration of 400 grams of bread and some water. "Given my father's age and his frail health, this clearly endangers his life," Victor wrote in his appeal to the world leaders.

Dr. Shtern is known to have heart, respiratory and spinal troubles, and has fallen ill several times in the Ukrainian labour camp where he is being held.

The doctor was sentenced to eight years hard labour on charges of fraud and bribery so obviously trumped up that the case aroused an international outcry. The prosecution's own witnesses refuted the state's case against Shtern, but this did not stop him getting a heavy sentence.

At Jerusalem's Western Wall yesterday, two immigrant families from Moldova staged a hunger strike to protest the Soviet's refusal to let their relatives emigrate to Israel. The relatives, Mark Grauer, 47, and Marat Oms, 42, applied five years ago to leave the USSR. Since that time they have been without work or places of their own in which to live. (Owen - Page 4)

## Negev master plan includes sea-water canal from Mediterranean to Dead Sea

The development of an international airport near Beersheba and creation of a Mediterranean-Dead Sea sea-water conduit are among the high priority proposals in a master plan for the Negev released last week.

The plan, drawn up by a voluntary committee which included government ministers and representatives of local authorities, has no legal status. But it is expected by its authors to serve as a guideline for the Negev's development.

Leading the council were Yosef Shah, president of Ben-Gurion University, and Knesset member Eliahu, who is deputy Communications minister.

The airport was seen by the committee as leading to the development of an associated aircraft industry on a 100-dunam tract, which would employ some 15,000 persons by the airport service jobs and a new outlet for Negev agricultural products were also expected outlets of the airport.

A water conduit, which would be fully trenched and partially filled, is proposed from the

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Yamit area to the Dead Sea in the vicinity of Masada. In addition to creating about 100 megawatts of electric power in the fall to the Dead Sea and supplementing the declining mineral resources of the Dead Sea itself, it would be used for a number of projects along the way from the Mediterranean. These would include providing cooling water for an inland nuclear power plant and for other industrial plants, and possibly the creation of lakes for recreation, including sailing.

Following are some of the other recommendations:

- An industrial area covering 1.5m. dunams between Beersheba, Arad, the Dead Sea, and Eilat.
- Construction of a railway between Eilat and either Yamit or Ashdod to encourage the "land bridge" between the two seas, strengthen Eilat and encourage the creation of new industries to exploit the Negev's mineral resources.
- Development of the port of Yamit as a natural outlet for Negev exports.

- Creation of an inland port at Eilat by digging a canal northwards into the Arava. This would free all the Eilat coastline for tourism and directly serve a heavy industry zone planned for north of Eilat.

The master plan is based on a year's work by a 90-man group which included Meir Batz, chief government planner for the Negev, Yitzhak Vardimon, Southern District Commissioner for the Interior Ministry, Prof. Moshe Prywes, dean of the Ben-Gurion University medical faculty, Prof. Amos Richmond, director of the university's Desert Research Institute, Prof. Arye Shahr of the Hebrew University Geography Department, and David Nahmias, district head of the Jewish Agency Settlement Department.



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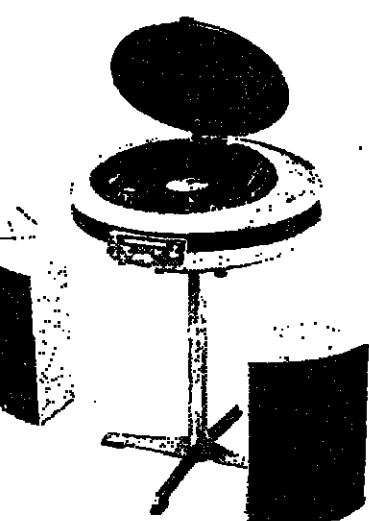
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## Series of arson cases plagues Tel Aviv area

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TEL AVIV. — Firemen are still investigating the causes of the fire which gutted a nightclub in Rehov Frishman Wednesday evening.

The "Piano Bar" club, in the cellar of a four-story building near the Dan Hotel, was empty at the time. A police spokesman said that until the Fire Department decides otherwise, the police are assuming that the fire was caused by a fault in the electrical system.

Newspaper reports maintain that the club was a meeting place for various underworld figures, hence the possibility was strong that the fire may have been a case of arson, in the course of "settling accounts."

A fire which caused heavy damage early yesterday morning in Petah Tikva was clearly a case of arson, and is being investigated. The fire broke out in a haberdashery on Rehov Haim Ozer shortly after 4 a.m., but firemen contained it quickly.

Two other arson attempts were reported in Tel Aviv, at the same place, Tuesday and Wednesday night. The arsonists tried to start fires at the entrance to a massage parlour in Rehov Idelson, but neighbours foiled both attempts by quickly dousing the flames.

## Ship ready, but strike may again delay delivery

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The 9,000-ton container ship Sigal, built by Israeli Shipyards, yesterday successfully completed her sea trials.

Shipyards general manager Yisrael Liberman said the Sigal passed the tests, which lasted three days, "with flying colours despite the rough sea." All her systems were found shipshape and her speed was determined at 18.1 knots.

The Sigal is the first of four sister ships ordered by Zim and is to be delivered this month. However, a threatened strike by the yard's 300 salaried employees may further delay her delivery, which is already more than 18 months behind schedule.

## Doctor jailed for issuing false medical reports

TEL AVIV. — A doctor who was found guilty earlier this week of issuing false medical certificates to obtain service exemptions for army recruits was sentenced yesterday to a year in jail. District Court Judge Hadassah Ben-Itto also fined the doctor IL2,000.

Dr. Feivel (Pavel) Karpin issued false certificates for seven young men from Ashdod, and persuaded another doctor and a file clerk at Beilinson Hospital to write false reports as well. He was acquitted of the charge of accepting bribes.

Judge Ben-Itto remarked with satisfaction, after handing down the sentence, that the last conviction of a doctor on this charge was recorded over 20 years ago. (Itim)

## Rape suspect barred from giving girls lifts

TEL AVIV. — Magistrate Arye Evenari yesterday released two rape suspects on bail — but only on condition that the motorist among them not pick up another female hitch-hiker for the next year.

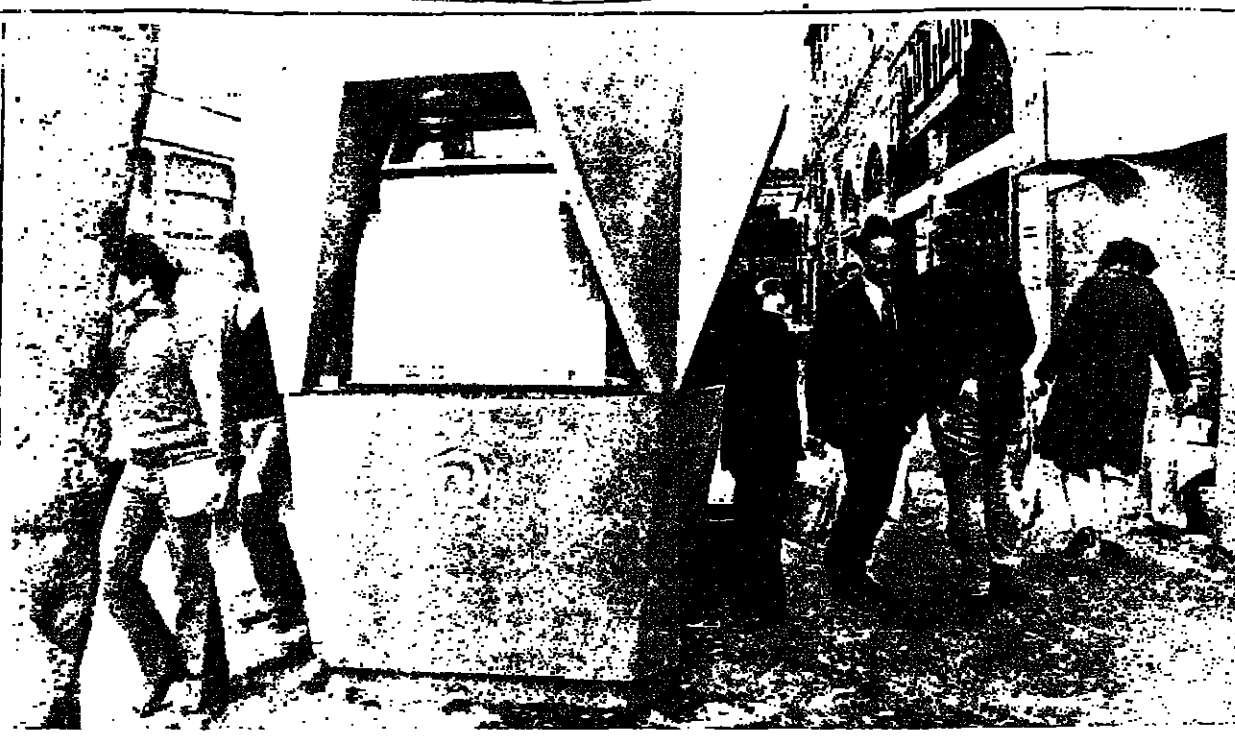
Yosef Shammal, 24, and his passenger Ya'acov Haroush were arrested by a policeman who heard screams from a girl in Shammal's car. The girl said the two were planning to rape her.

In court yesterday the two men denied the charge. Haroush claiming that he himself had been a hitch-hiker in the car. He was released on IL5,000 bail, and Shammal on IL40,000. (Itim)

## New "Fluent Biblical and Modern Hebrew" classes start March 20

The American Upan, Israel's largest (over 35,000 alumni) private language school, is introducing its new "Fluent Biblical and Modern Hebrew" series on March 20 in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Herzliya and Haifa. This new series was created especially for English speakers. Students learn by the most sophisticated linguistic method yet devised to read both with (the Bible) and without (newspapers) vowel signs and to speak colloquial Israeli Hebrew. Complete translations are provided. The authors, Robert Goldfarb and David Elvin, state that monolingual English speakers will learn as much Hebrew in 4 lessons each week as in 29 lessons per week at a full-time Reception hours:

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Pedestrians make their way around Mifal Hapayis booth on Jaffa Road next to Mahane Yehuda market. (Rahamim Yisraeli)

## Payis ticket booths too big for Jerusalem

Mifal Hapayis, the national lottery authority, picked a loser when it recently set up three new ticket booths on Jerusalem's Jaffa Road.

The municipality has deemed them unsuitable for the Capital's streets and ordered their removal.

"They're too big for Jerusalem," says Nehemia Oz, head of the City Beautification Department. "We've got narrower sidewalks than in Tel Aviv. They also have all these things sticking out."

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mifal Hapayis has accepted the ruling and ordered architect Zvi Lissar to design a new lottery booth suitable for the Holy City. Lissar indicated in an interview that he would design something smaller but adhering largely to the present shape and of the same blue colour.

The design, he said, had been

developed in conjunction with the Council for a Beautiful Israel and was part of an effort to achieve design coherence in various booths on the country's streets. Taxi kiosks in Tel Aviv, for instance, will bear a resemblance to the Mifal Hapayis booths but will be painted a different colour.

Mifal Hapayis is in the process of replacing its 450 antiquated booths around the country with the new models. It has 30 in Jerusalem.

## Navon to chair committee on university fees

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ME Yitzhak Navon has been appointed chairman of the committee which will determine university tuition fees starting next academic year, the Education Ministry has announced. The appointment was made by Minister of Education Aaron Yadin.

In addition to Navon, the committee will consist of two representatives each of the National Students Federation, the Committee of University Heads, and the Government. The committee, whose chairman will have three votes, will take its decisions by a majority vote, and these will be binding on all concerned.

The first item on the committee's agenda is the possibility of establishing a graded-fee system for university students, similar to the one long in effect for high-school students.

## Netanya contractors arrested on tax-evasion charges

NETANYA. — Three men, two of them partners in a contracting firm, were remanded by the Magistrate's Court here yesterday for seven and eight days on suspicion of evading income tax and falsifying financial records.

Tax investigators said Mordechai Ratz and Pinhas Lerner, managers of South America Investment and Construction Company, registered inflated expenses, recorded false prices in sales contracts, and sold cement without receipts. The two allegedly did business in millions of pounds annually, and Ratz was said to have deposited \$130,000 in banks in Israel and abroad from money obtained by cheating income tax authorities. The two were remanded for seven days.

David Ratz, Mordechai's brother, was alleged to have evaded taxes on hundreds of thousands of pounds, and to be in illegal possession of foreign currency and was remanded for eight days. (Itim)

CAPTAIN Arye Oz of El Al has been elected chairman of the 350-member Pilots' Association, replacing Eliahu Bahat.

## Religious judge punched litigant, colleague says

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The president of a rabbinical court has been accused of cursing and threatening his colleagues on the bench, and punching an 80-year-old litigant, in an affidavit filed in the High Court of Justice yesterday by another rabbinical judge.

The president of the regional bet din in Ashdod, Rabbi Shlomo Yallouze, is so abusive in his treatment of fellow judges, rabbinical litigants and their clients that the court is in danger of imminent collapse, the affidavit says.

It was filed by Rabbi Haim Riji, one of the three dayanim in the Ashdod court, to back up the case of a rabbinical pleader who wants Rabbi Yallouze removed from his post.

The pleader, Rabbi Menahem Sarious, obtained an order nisi two months ago against Rabbi Yallouze, and another against the Religious Affairs Minister. The first gives the rabbinical judge 60 days to show cause why he should not permit the

applicant to appear in his court. The second orders the minister to show cause why he should not remove Rabbi Yallouze from his post.

Rabbi Sarious complained to the High Court that Rabbi Yallouze had barred him from appearing before the Ashdod regional rabbinical court because he had offended the chief dayan. Rabbi Yallouze was incensed when the pleader accused him of biased judgment, Rabbi Sarious said.

Rabbi Sarious also said in his application that Rabbi Yallouze does not get along with the other judges on his bench. In one case, the pleader said, when Rabbi Yallouze was in the minority, he got up and walked out of the court in the middle of writing the verdict.

Rabbi Riji said in his affidavit that Rabbi Yallouze frequently threatened the other rabbis and degraded them. In one case, he said, Rabbi Yallouze struck an 80-year-old litigant and pulled his beard. (Itim)

## Three rugby matches set for tomorrow

By JACK LEON  
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — In three National Rugby League matches tomorrow, Holon-Na'an host Tel Aviv University at Ma'an (kicking off at 2 p.m.), Yizre'el and the Technion meet at Yizre'el (2.30 p.m.), and Baram play their home fixture against Ha'ogen-Nir Ellahu at the neighbouring kibbutz of Yiftah (1.30 p.m.). The Hebrew University and Mevo Hama are not engaged this weekend.

The Technion, Ha'ogen-Nir Ellahu and Holon-Na'an — together with the Hebrew University — are all still in the running for the 1976/77 league title, but a defeat for any of the three clubs tomorrow will put an end to its championship hopes.

At present, the Hailites lead the eight-team league with 10 points from six games. Ha'ogen-Nir Ellahu each have eight points from five fixtures. Each of the three has so far suffered only one defeat this season, as have Holon-Na'an, which, however, has played three of its seven scheduled matches.

The Cape Town University rugby team's recent two-week tour here caused the Israel Rugby Football Union to extend its programme by more than a month, until March 26.

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## Amin, PFLP reportedly plotted to abduct Americans at Entebbe

NAIROBI. — Palestinian terrorists planned to hijack a plane carrying American refugees out of Uganda, with the cooperation of President Idi Amin, a Kenyan newspaper reported yesterday.

The daily "Nation," quoting West German intelligence sources, said members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) "planned a hijacking in Entebbe, presumably with President Amin's knowledge."

Amin, it appears, had planned to provide an aircraft to evacuate some of the 240 Americans in Uganda. "PFLP terrorists would have mingled with the Americans and boarded the plane. It would then have been hijacked and possibly flown to Kenya," the "Nation" said.

The plan is believed to have been aborted when Amin backed down in his confrontation with the U.S. and attempted to defuse the crisis. Amin last week ordered the Americans in Uganda to remain in the country until he met with them on Wednesday, but he later postponed the meeting indefinitely and said they were free to leave if they wished.

Church officials, meanwhile, reported yesterday that all American missionaries in Uganda have decided to remain there despite Amin's unpredictable actions and reports of continuing atrocities and murders by his men.

Radio Uganda said yesterday that President Jimmy Carter had expressed "appreciation" to Amin for his assurances on the welfare of U.S.

citizens and asked Amin for suggestions on how those Americans wishing to leave Uganda could best do so.

Amin met with his charge d'affaires in Washington, Musa Mohammed, and briefed him on the Ugandan-American crisis before Mohammed returned to Washington, the radio said.

Reports of widespread atrocities and murders by Ugandan troops continued to filter into Kenya from refugees, though details could not be independently verified.

One religious teacher in the army, who escaped three days ago, said he had personally seen Amin's troops round up scores of Acholi and Langi tribesmen in his barracks. (UPI, AP)

## Owen pledges Britain will follow Carter's stand on human rights

LONDON. — Britain threw her full support yesterday behind President Carter's campaign of human rights in the Soviet Union and elsewhere, and said the Communists must recognize this is an integral part of foreign policy in the West.

Foreign Secretary David Owen, in his first major speech since taking over as Britain's foreign policy chief on February 21, said, "We in Britain will take our stand on human rights in every corner of the globe."

His predecessor, the late Anthony Crosland, gave his pledge in a speech prepared for delivery to a diplomatic and commonwealth writers' association dinner.

Owen described Carter's human rights stand as "crucially important."

Owen did not mention specifically Carter's controversial meeting this week with Soviet dissident Vladimir Bukovsky, which sparked angry criticism by the Soviets. But he said Britain will continue to express concern about the plight of dissidents in Communist countries.

In an apparent reference to communist advances in Angola, elsewhere in Africa, and in the Mid-

dle East, Owen said the Soviets must be made to understand "the basic premise that détente is indivisible and does not stop in Europe."

"We have made it plain to the Soviet government," he said, "that the continuing credibility of détente depends on the restraint and responsibility of all states."

Owen said the final act signed at the end of the 35-nation Helsinki conference on security and cooperation in Europe in August, 1975, "demonstrates beyond any shadow of doubt that abuses of human rights, wherever they occur, are the legitimate subject of international concern."

This appeared to constitute a flat rejection of Soviet arguments that the plight of Soviet dissidents is an "internal Soviet matter in which other countries should not meddle."

The Soviet Foreign Ministry summoned Ambassador Malcolm Toon for a discussion of Soviet concern at recent trends in Soviet-American relations this week, an American spokesman confirmed.

The Soviets have become increasingly upset with actions by President Carter and his administra-

tion in support of beleaguered Soviet dissidents.

Diplomatic sources said, however, that Toon's discussions with Georgi M. Kornienko, head of the U.S. department at the Soviet Foreign Ministry, were not confined to recent events such as President Carter's unprecedented letter to dissident activist Andrei Sakharov and his reception of Bukovsky.

The Soviet press has responded to the Carter initiative with an intensified campaign playing up real and alleged faults in American society.

Until this week's summoning of Ambassador Toon, however, the Soviet concern had not spilled over into official relations.

The Soviet press has refrained from any open criticism of President Carter thus far, apparently to avoid casting a pall over the visit of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance to Moscow at the end of this month.

Vance is to exchange views with the Russian leadership on possible areas of agreement in strategic arms limitation and nuclear test ban negotiations, subjects the Soviets say far outweigh the issue of human rights. (UPI)

## IN BRIEF

### Walkout perils House assassinations panel

WASHINGTON. — The chairman of a congressional committee investigating the assassinations of President John Kennedy and the Reverend Martin Luther King on Wednesday submitted his resignation in a bitter dispute that could jeopardize the whole investigation.

Democrat Henry Gonzalez told House Speaker Thomas O'Neill that he could not work with the committee's chief investigator, Richard Sprague, whom he called an "unconscionable scoundrel."

House Democratic majority leader Jim Wright of Texas has said that if Gonzalez resigned the House would vote to wind up the committee. (Reuters)

### Catholics clash in Paris

PARIS. — Militant Roman Catholic traditionalists occupying a Paris church clashed with regular parishioners yesterday, sending a parish priest to a hospital with injuries, police said. No other details on the skirmish were immediately available.

The traditionalists occupied the 13th century church of Saint Nicolas du Chardonnet in the Latin Quarter on Sunday, vowing to stay and pray until they got a church of their own or permission to use other Paris churches several hours daily to celebrate the Latin rite. Church authorities refused and have threatened police intervention. The traditionalists want to reinstitute Latin in the Catholic mass rather than use French. (AP)

### Roger and out

MONTREAL. — A Canadian French-speaking pilot has told a government inquiry here that he flew in Quebec air space for years without understanding a word of what English-speaking air traffic controllers were telling him.

He would answer "Roger" whenever they said something to me, look around for a runway which seemed to be active and land." (Reuters)

### Khmers snub Opec

VIENNA. — Communist-ruled Cambodia has turned down \$3.8m. offered by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Mohammed Yeganeh of Iran, chairman of the governing committee of the Opec Special Fund, told reporters yesterday that the cartel's officials had received a letter from the Khmer Republic government which "did not express acceptance" of the Opec offer. (AP)

### High tea

LONDON. — Britain's traditional drink, tea, is expected to rise by anything up to 6 pence (11a) a pound in the shops in the next six to eight months, according to many brokers' reports yesterday.

Since frosts first started to destroy Brazilian coffee plantations around 18 months ago, demand for tea has pushed prices up to around double. (UPI)



Three Western European Communist leaders — Enrico Berlinguer of Italy, left, Santiago Carrillo of Spain and Georges Marchais of France — at their news conference at the end of a two-day meeting held in Madrid yesterday. (AP)

## Spanish ouster of Soviet official seen as gesture to right-wingers

MADRID. — Spain has ordered the expulsion of a Soviet official alleged to have been a spy, just three weeks after Madrid and the Kremlin reopened diplomatic relations, that had been broken for 38 years.

Wednesday night's expulsion order coincided with the end of the first day of a summit meeting of Western Europe's three leading Communist parties, which is providing a major show of support for the Spanish Communist Party's campaign to be made legal.

The Spanish Foreign Ministry announced that it had demanded the withdrawal of Yuri Pivovarov, a member of the Soviet trade mission here, for "activities incompatible with his official duties."

Earlier Wednesday, the Madrid afternoon newspaper "Diario 16" said Pivovarov was an agent of the KGB. He had been gathering infor-

mation on Spanish industry, it said.

The expulsion, an apparent government gesture to the right wing, could upset Spanish Communists as they battle for legal status in parliamentary elections. The allegation of Soviet espionage might revive a popular suspicion of Communists and the Soviet Union which the right-wing propaganda of the late General Franco's dictatorship fostered so assiduously, observers said.

The summit meeting, of three "Euro-Communist leaders" who say they advocate a political line independent of Moscow, is seen primarily here as a boost for the Spanish Communist Party's application to be made legal.

The meeting — attended by Spanish Communist leader Santiago Carrillo, and party leaders Georges Marchais of France and Enrico

Berlinguer of Italy — had expected to produce a defining "Euro-Communism" from the parties.

But a final document, to be after the end of the meeting, was expected to avoid an ideological clash with the bloc, particularly on the human rights.

The Spanish Communist recently stepped up their campaign against the treatment of dissidents in the Soviet Union. A tough human rights in the Soviet Union this meeting would probably Spanish party at the polls.

But it is likely that the final document will contain neutral call for the 1975 Helsinki declaration of West détente and human rights enforced. (UPI)

## Japanese terrorists yield to police, free hostages

TOKYO. — Four ultra-rightwingers were arrested early today after holding two hostages for more than 10 hours at the offices of Japan's powerful Federation of Economic Organizations, police said.

The four gave in without violence after police promised they would be treated as Samurai (warriors) and that cameramen would be kept away as they were taken into custody.

Hundreds of riot police were late yesterday swarming around the Kaidanren headquarters, but police took no immediate action because of the threat to human life.

The four men — armed with a shotgun, a pistol and a samurai sword — barged into a meeting of Japanese officials and a Brazilian commission, firing three shots.

The Brazilian was let go almost immediately, but Tetsuya Senga, Kaidanren's managing director, and three assistants were held hostage. Seven secretaries were also briefly held but were released as soon as the four barricaded themselves in an office. No one was injured in the raid.

The raid was similar to rightist novelist Yukio Mishima's storming

of Japan's army headquarters in 1970. In that raid, Mishima, after haranguing the soldiers with a speech they barely understood, sliced his stomach open in a ritual suicide designed to protest Japan's anti-militarist post-war constitution.

Yesterday's raiders distributed a leaflet criticizing the evolution of Japanese society since World War II and claiming that Japan's infatuation with its economy had destroyed traditional Japanese values.

The statement cited the Lockheed scandal — in which former Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka is standing trial — as an example of modern corruption in Japan. It called for a revision of Japan's anti-war constitution, abolition of the U.S.-Japan security treaty, and return of the Emperor to his previous status. (Prior to the war, Emperor Hirohito was considered a god.)

The statement concluded with "Tenno Heika Banzai" (Long Live the Emperor), Japan's World War II battle cry.

Witnesses quoted the rightists as yelling "we will die, we are not scared of death" as they burst into the Kaidanren offices. (UPI)

## Boeing being probed for 'payoffs'

WASHINGTON. — The Securities and Exchange Commission is investigating Boeing Co. for alleged payoffs to officials in the governments of Canada, Portugal, Egypt and Venezuela, and 48 international airlines.

Court records made public specifically identified purchase agreements between Boeing and the "Canadian Government" and "Government of Egypt." "Portuguese Air

Force" and "Government of Venezuela."

The sources said "Japan" referred to Japan Air Lines, which purchased at least 14 Boeing 727s and 747s between 1966 and 1974.

The U.S. Appeals Court has ordered a list of 180 purchase agreements involving 52 Boeing customers to be made public. But the court said the identities of 18 Boeing consultants, including a prince, should remain secret.

### Former Ulster PM dies during hunt

BELFAST. — Lord Brian Faulkner, Northern Ireland's last prime minister and leader of the province's short-lived 1974 power-sharing executive, was killed yesterday in a horse-riding accident near his country home in Seaford.

According to Islamic law, convicted sodomizers are punished by being dropped from the highest spot in their locality. Execution by sword is permissible only in flat areas, such as the village where the crime took place near here.

In Yemen, a morality court once used a helicopter to drop a convicted sodomizer. (AP)

Boeing is the world's largest manufacturer of commercial jetliners. The Seattle-based company allegedly made \$77m. in questionable payments starting in 1971.

The alleged Canadian payoffs reportedly were made in connection with the sales of \$44.8m. worth of aircraft to that nation.

Among the airlines which allegedly received payoffs from Boeing are those of Argentina, Brazil, India, Libya and the Sudan. (UPI)

## Smith may resort to new election

SALISBURY. — Prime Minister Smith met yesterday with tribal chiefs to discuss his black majority rule in R within two years.

The move follows the loss of 12 of Smith's 49 members of parliament who rebelled in his proposed easing of racial discrimination.

The revolt, coupled with a loss by 12 of the 16 black legislators in the 46-member house in a vote on the draft law, that the prime minister's proposal will be defeated in the current session.

But ignoring the right-wing who are against any easing laws, Smith was talking to chiefs as part of an initial negotiation an internal conflict settlement with black leaders.

Party insiders suggested day that to avert a widening of the government, the prime minister might call an election.

One government source said Smith was confident a new party, shedding the right-wing that has helped his rise to power, would win major port from the voters.

Smith's goal, rejected by wing rebels in the Rhodesia is to dismantle racist laws in confidence of the 6.4 million before seeking a power transition with moderate leaders.

## Philippines tal recess in Libya

MANILA. — Negotiations between Muslim separatists and the pines government, currently held in Libya, have "without producing any progress," President Marcos said yesterday.

Marcos said that the peace deadlocked in a dispute over the composition of an anti-Muslim region in the Philippines, would resume in day.

"The talks were recessed producing any substantial towards a final peace accord the four-year Muslim insurgency," Marcos said.

Marcos said earlier this the Moro National Liberation the Libya-based rebel group has spearheaded the movement, had issued a calling for an independent force and the right to fly flag over a 13-province region in southern Philippines.

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## New guide to nostalgic Nuremberg

NUREMBERG. — After three decades of soft-peddling Nuremberg's Nazi past, local officials have issued a tourist guide for the buildings and grounds of Hitler's Third Reich.

"We found that many people came here and kept asking us where the buildings of the Third Reich are. We couldn't just tell them there aren't any or send them off without information," said the municipal cultural adviser, Hermann Glaser.

"There are many foreigners and even Germans who ask us, 'Where's the concentration camp?' although we've never had one here," said a spokesman at the city news office.

"The brochure was compiled to counteract the birth of such legends. It is designed to put things in their right perspective."

Nuremberg has gloried in being the birthplace of artist Albrecht Durer, the home of the Meistersingers in the 16th and 18th centuries and the Gothic architecture that the World War II bombers didn't destroy. But officials omitted reference to such facts of history as the Nuremberg Race Laws, drawn

up in a 1935 Nazi Party congress here, which deprived Jews of German citizenship, decreed "protection of the German blood" and served as a legal basis for the mass extermination of Jews.

"We cannot free Nuremberg of its guilt, but we also cannot continue to let the city serve as a scapegoat," said Glaser, who wrote the introduction in the 14-page illustrated brochure. "This city... had its share of the blame. Thirty years later we want to set the facts."

The brochure shows the Reichsparteitagsgelände, the parade grounds of Zeppelinfeld for a sports arena. The U.S. Air Force used the great street as a runway. Now it is a parking lot for the city fairgrounds.

A 400,000-seat German stadium was to be built nearby, but work never got beyond the excavation

stage. The huge hole filled rain and ground water and lake.

The Allies chose Nuremberg the war crimes trials of and sentenced 12 of them. The last stop on the brock is the Palace of Justice, where 200 Germans were tried room 600 between Nov. and April 1949.

"Today this courtroom used as a court of law," the brochure says.

Newspaper reception brochure was mixed. "Courageous, yes, but wise," said the middle-

"Nuremberger Nachrichten" is interested in these revelations. "A city wants to free itself from its Nazi past," said the "Frankfurter Rundschau."

The city government said 5,000 German-language books and schools. Five thousand English are being read American tourists at Nuremberg.



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## Knesset at last finds honest way of raising money

By NERO TASINAR  
Jerusalem Psst Knesset Reporter

The controversial "bed tax" amendment to the Party Financing Law passed its first reading in the Knesset yesterday. It now goes to the sub-committee, where it will be prepared for its second and final readings.

Details of the revolutionary legislation were given to *The Jerusalem Psst* by sub-committee chairman Nimrod "72939" Gan-Av. Gan-Av's digital nickname, as set postal officials say, is really secret account number at Meisebachmassagenayveshaft AG Zurich.

Gan-Av explained: "The so-called 'bed tax' bill is formally titled amendment number 3,154 to the Party Financing Law of 1973. Having time deeply involved in fraud and debt, a group of MKs decided the only decent way to raise money was to impose a party financial tax on foreign tourists.

Thus, every visitor from abroad who stays in a hotel, and who adds to the bill, cumulative for each night, a five-bed-night occupancy fee for the duration of his stay in this country. Naturally, the tourist will have to designate which party he wishes to receive his compulsory benefaction.

The precise rate of the political tax is 23.34% per cent of the price of a bed-night (bed and breakfast) at a four-, five- or six-star hotel. The creeping devaluation creep during a tourist's stay, the tax will be calculated according to the rate quoted him on the day he checked in.

This accommodation was inserted in the bill at the insistence of the Rights Movement. The proposed amendment was finally put forth as a five-sponsor (Alignment) private members' bill. However, when it was realized the sole intention of the bill was

to raise cash for parties at no expense to themselves, 115 additional MKs applied for listing as co-sponsors.

Most political observers yesterday agreed that the wide sponsorship should ensure passage of the bill. Nevertheless, complications could occur. The Psst was told by a reliable source who refused to be identified.

"It could happen," he said, "that on the day of the third reading vote 119 MKs would be in Zurich or Vaduz, and the sole remaining legislator either is in the Knesset cafeteria ripping away at a turkey leg, or detained somewhere helping the police with some financial problem."

Reactions to the bed tax bill yesterday were mixed:

• Tourism Minister Yossi Kroil: "It will hurt tourism. As it is, we are an expensive country to visit. Nevertheless, I will back the bill if Conservative and Reform Jewish tourists are exempted from the tax."

• Hotel Association secretary Vance Overbook: "The bill discriminates against normal people. Hippies who sleep on the beaches at Eilat and elsewhere will get the best deal of all — no bed, no bed tax, absurd!"

• Likud chief, Menashe Fagin: "The first wise step by the ruling Alignment faction in four years... the best element of the bill is that it will mean more money, money, money, money, money..."

• Estella Garelitz (Alignment): "Of course, I will vote for it, since I'm one of the sponsors. But my conscience itches. Why should our fine socialist friends, including members of organized Christian holy pilgrimages, be forced to support corrupt political parties? And this idea of a 'dawn political upan' is really wild."

(Mrs. Garelitz was referring to the section in the bill which specifies

how a tourist would go about designating the beneficiary party for his tax. Tourists unable to read Hebrew — language of the party propaganda brochures — would be compelled to attend a daily early morning (pre-breakfast) political-upan, to hear a description of the Israeli parties and their platforms from authorized spokesmen. Tourists refusing to attend the two-hour class will be denied breakfast and/or be asked to leave the country on the next flight to their home country.)

• Shuhami Olney (CRM): "Even a fool understands the bill is illegal, stupid, vile, scurrilous, disgusting, unwise, dirty, defamatory and bad for Israel's image as a shining democracy in a sea of Middle Eastern feudalism. However, it will bring in some money to all party coffers, including mine, so I shall reluctantly vote for it."

This reporter decided to get some tourists' opinions on the draft legislation requiring foreign visitors to finance Israeli party politics.

— Olaf Gaffelbitter (Norway) at the King David Hotel: "I'm all for the Gahal wing of the Likud, especially Geula Cohen. I have always respected brunettes."

— Juan Chen Yin (Japan), a member of the Makoya Sect, at the Central Hotel: "If Poale Aguda and Aguda break up, the Messiah will be delayed. Why can't Porush and Lorincz make up, damn it!"

— Harriet Cohen-Goldberg (Brooklyn) at The Plaza: "After a million bucks every year to UJA and two million in Bonds for each grandchild, who in the heck cares about a puny 22 per cent hotel bill tax, if it will make you Israelis happy! Here, here's a blank cheque I've had my husband sign. Make it out to any party you wish, to any sum. May God bless all my dear brethren in Israel: Shalom, Kol Hakavod, I'Haim: Hava Nagila: Heveinu Shalom, Am Yisroel, Hi!"



Knesset Members follow yesterday's bed-tax vote with their typical rapt interest — and incidentally demonstrate a possible way of avoiding the new levy. (Rahmanut Yardeni)

## Abin joins DMC; Yadin to Labour; Novak joins Jerusalem Psst

### Aguda merges with Rakah in Left-Right Front

By SHALOM BEN ZION COHEN

cluding the independents, be compelled to register by law, and he wants to form a roof-organization for all lobbyist pressure groups.

But he acknowledges that gains have been made. One party has amended its platform from "No inch of territories" to "No metre of territories and an inch more of cost-of-living allowance." Another party has altered its ideological platform to "Agreed voluntary compulsory unbinding arbitration mediation of labour disputes, and compromise on all territories including the Bahamas."

Meanwhile, or in the meantime, yordim in the U.S. are understood to be forming a lobby including two main election planks — a project for twinning of cities, and the right to vote in the elections. An untapped source for the parties, this inchoate lobby calls itself "Diaspora on the Way."

Paid hits for hitch-hikers, through the National Insurance Institute, has become a rallying point for the much-missed lacuna — a motorists lobby.

The White Panther movement, a loose compendium of disgruntled Ashkenazim, is negotiating with other minority groups, *inter alia* the Lost Ten Tribes, Betar Yerushalayim, and a newly arrived group from the Appalachians.

Marginal "eccentric" lobbying groups continue to mushroom and, besides the Early Mushroom Pickers for a Beautiful Israel, the latest citizen groups include the Ideological parlour circle for the Rationalization of Protektzia, the Jebusites, Jewish Agency and Moonlighters against Double Taxation. The Government and Tea Makers want recognition as an essential service.

Mergers *a la mode*, there was the new federated group Blue Tape, of national and regional bureaucrats and receptionists which boasts to be the "Movement of the Future" with heraldic coat of arms, a tortoise

avaunt on a field of sludge with Aramaic legend "Come back tomorrow."

A spokesman of the Egged National interest lobby conceded optimistically, "This time we'll get at least Deputy Minister in the Transport Ministry."

The Press lobby teetered nervously at the iron-wrought gates. A delegation in an off-the-record statement solicited all the parties to announce in advance their quota of scandals for the next four years. A silver-haired editor, accompanied by a grey-haired correspondent, confessed worriedly, "We can't demand efficiency from others only. Charity begins at home."

But — not all is sunshine in lobbyland, according to old-timer ideologue Pinhas Pulator. "Women's Lib, okay," he said, visibly disturbed — i.e. dabbling his low forehead on the sunwashed Knesset roof — by the *laxsez faire* below. Emotionally upset by the Fiat Felafel movement and Betar Yerushalayim and breathing heavily, he told us to write: "The lobbyist movement is an expression of genuine authentic grass-roots participative democracy — the only one in the Middle East, including Oman."

Below, a lobbyist of a development suburb of North Tel Aviv scratched himself, assisted by a Knesset backbencher and a member of the prestigious Blue and White Cartel Price Fixing Unity group. A Filipino steward freshened the drinks.

We were joined by the authoritative Political Circle himself on the flat roof. Excuse me, we said timorously, what's new with the Circle of Citizens Who Don't Belong to Any Group. A shaft of sunlight, cathedral-like, goldenly fingered the flat roof, and illumined a luminescent halo around the earth-lined head of the Circle. In some ancient tongue, an oracular exorcistic voice spoke through the circle. He trembled and his eyes whitened. "Cripples. There are drivers, and there are passengers. We are one people. Praise be."

**CORRECTION**  
The article in this week's Magazine entitled "I Knew Carlos," by Shlomo Hillel should, of course, be "I Knew Shlomo Hillel," by Carlos.



THIS EARLY photograph of the boy who was to become supreme ruler of the Land of the Nile and parts of Sinai was discovered in the Genizah Archives in the British Museum and extracted, rather cunningly we thought, by our London correspondent Luke Shahaf.

## New power on world scene

### Omec gets into action

Jerusalem Psst Diplomatic and Economic Reporters

THE AUTHORITIES are about to reveal the boldest yet action taken against Arab economic pressures, the crushing answer to the Organization of Oil Exporting Countries — Omec — that has long dominated the international economic and political scene.

A new, competing, organization has been set up: Omec.

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Stock market analysts predict a bright future for the Organization of Mezuzah Exporting Countries.

**strikes again!**

By ANN ARCHY, PSST Labour Pain Reporter

TEL AVIV — The carefully-nurtured chaos of Israel's economy was threatened again yesterday as several new labour disputes began spreading across the land.

In the most serious development, the Amalgamated Felafel-Ballers' Union laid down its scoops until negotiations are resumed with the chick-pea farmers. "The fat is in the fire," said Felafel head Itzik Kadoori. "No more felafel until our demands are met. And mind you — we're not after more money. It's just the principle of the thing." The felafel-flingers reportedly are holding out for some IL300 worth of principles per month.

In what could be an equally serious strike, IDP tank-drivers yesterday called a one-month work stoppage, idling the entire nation's armoured divisions from the Hermon to Sharm el-Sheikh. Defence Minister and Number One Sore Loser Shimon Peres told the press yesterday: "It's nothing to be alarmed about. Management can keep the tanks rolling with no problems. Of course — and this is off the record, fellas — should the other side hear about this — well, we're in a mess."

Elsewhere on the labour front: • Kupat Holim doctors have laid down their stethoscopes, declaring they have run out of patience. • Kupat Holim patients have laid down their bed pans, claiming they have run out of doctors. • Jerusalem's beggars have up-ended their tin cups in a demand for more sympathy.

• Tel Aviv's beggars are also reportedly refusing donations, in sympathy with the Jerusalem beggar sympathy strike orchestra. • The Netanyahu symphony orchestra is refusing to strike up the band in sympathy with the Tel Aviv sympathy.

**Fresh air proposal**

By LINDOR DEVAN

DIMONA — Scientists at a top secret plant here are working round the clock to perfect a new air machine, destined to earn billions of pounds annually for the Treasury.

The head of the research team, Dr. Frisch Luft, told *The Jerusalem Psst* that the transistorised machine was designed for measuring air usage. Once perfected, each citizen will be equipped with one.

The prototype, provisionally named "Masavir," was first tested some years ago under clinical conditions, but serious shortcomings were found in its operation.

"The major problem," Dr. Luft explained, "was the difference in breathing methods employed by the various immigrant groups. Some breath with long, slow draughts, while others — mostly late Anglo-Saxons — tend to short, sharp intakes."

The team of scientists at Dimona are confident that they have now overcome this problem with Masavir Mark Two, thanks to technological

**CORRECTION**  
The article in this week's Magazine on Psychologists' peek security, by Professor Jungfreud Lee Bideau, should begin with a capital letter and conclude with a □ and not vice versa.

## Mother tells all

# Sadat's secret rocks Mid-East

By WOLF BLIZZARD, Jerusalem Psst Correspondent

WASHINGTON — The diplomatic community was all agog yesterday following the startling revelation by columnists Evans and Novak that Egyptian President Anwar Sadat is Jewish.

"Yeah, it's true," said Mrs. Sadie Sadowsky, the Egyptian leader's mother, who was recently discovered working in a Brooklyn delicatessen. "He's always asked me to keep it quiet, but I don't know — since there's been so much talk about a Middle East peace settlement this year — well, I thought maybe it would help if the truth were known. Did I do something wrong?"

State Department officials yesterday declined to comment, although one official who refused to be named told this reporter: "Frankly, we always sort of suspected something. Those beady little eyes. That Semitic nose. You know?"

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance confirmed that, during his recent visit to Egypt, everyone in his party had remarked on Sadat's obvious reluctance to mix meat and milk. "That and the JNF tree certificates on the wall of Jehann's sewing room," Vance said. "That made us a little suspicious."

President Carter reportedly told his cabinet yesterday that "he falls a got a right to be whatever he wants, even Jewish," but that this development "could complicate an already complicated Middle East situation." Carter reportedly said it was "easier" when Sadat was not Jewish.

White House spokesman Jody Powell was overheard to remark: "Personally, I always thought little Anwar had nigra blood — you know, a little touch of the tarbrush under his

tarboosh. So he's a Yid, eh? Well, where's he goin' get his oil now? From Standard of New Jersey, I reckon."

Following the extraordinary report yesterday and Sadat's subsequent breakdown in Cairo's Great Mosque, where he led the congregation in a Sephardi rendition of "Eli, Eli," this reporter sought a reaction from the PLO observer at the UN. "This is not the sort of thing which advances the Palestinian cause," the observer observed.

Spokesmen at the Israel embassy here declined to confirm reports that Sadat has contacted them in reference to aliya. "A two-and-a-half room flat awaits them in Afula," a spokesman said, "but so far no official request has been received. The chief rabbinite assures us that, as with any Jew born abroad, conversion will be relatively simple to arrange."

Ambassador Simha Dinitz' only comment was: "Who?"

Meanwhile, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, who has just been signed by a major television network to do the live commentary for World War III, which is scheduled to be held next summer, discounted the story about Sadat. "Pooh-pooh," the poet-poohed the former shuttle diplomat, whom Sadat always referred to as "My brother Henry."

"Just a bobbe meise," he told this reporter.

**Int'l J. wm'n conf. in P's**

By JACQUES CHEVALIER  
Jerusalem Psst Correspondent

PARIS — Maitre Corbeau sur un arbre perché, tenait en son bec un fromage. Sur le pont d'Avignon. Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose. Diable. Demi-tasse. Coq au vin, le médecin malgré lui c'est la vie.

Ou est la plume de ma tante? Apres moi le deluge. Valery Giscard d'Estaing. Lettres de mon moulin. La Gaulle est divisée en trois parties. Hors de combat, hors d'oeuvres, defense de cracher. Comme ci, comme ça. Je t'aime, je t'aime, je t'aime.

Cherchez la femme, clair de lune, liberté egalite fraternite. Ce n'est rien. Entre nous, s'il vous plait. Abou Daoud.

Vingt et un. Alouette, gentille alouette, aux armes citoyens, Colombe-Les-Deux-Eglises. Tousjours la politesse. Au revoir. Oi weh is mir.

**Germ. Saar good 4 U.**

By BRUNAR ITHAR  
Jerusalem Psst Reporter

BONN — Schrecklichkeit, alles verboten. Ich weiss nicht was soll es bedeuten dass ich so traurig bin. Wer rettet so spaet durch Nacht und Wind? Gestalt.

Und so weiter und so weiter. Gemuetlichkeit. Ich hat' einen Kameraden. Roeselein, Roeselein, Roeselein rot. Ich habe, du hast, er hat, wir haben, ihr habt, sie haben. Wunderbar.

Weltanschauung. Ich bin ein Berliner. Mein Herr, gnaedige Frau. Schlaf, mein Prinzchen, schlaf ein. Ich liebe dich.

Bitte schoen, danke schoen. Nicht wahr? Pumpernickel. Gretchen am Spinnrade. Kreuzhimmeldonnerwetterochheim-mal.

Oi weh is mir.



U.S. President Jimmy Carter and his wife Norene surrounded by guests at the annual garden party given on the White House Lawn for the Daughters of the Revolution. (AP/Gamma service)

**Commerce Ministry slashes prices**

Big reduction in bicycle pumps

Bicycle pumps will from the end of next season be lowered in price by three per cent, the Minister of Commerce announced yesterday at a specially-convened press conference.

At the same time, he said, because of circumstances entirely beyond the Ministry's control and having something to do with the revolt in the southern Philippines, the Ministry has been compelled as

**CORRECTION**  
The clues to the New York Times Crossword in today's issue were inadvertently transposed for a section of the Tel Aviv Stocks report which appears in the Bridge Column in place of a number of lines erroneously transferred to the Leader instead of a (particularly resounding) paragraph which found its way to the Second Hand section of the Classified Ads which lost the equivalent lines to the Telereview from Nob. We apologise to any of our readers who found today's issue more confusing than normal.

**SOLDIER!**

Can you imagine what it feels like to drive along a road empty but for soldiers?

**DON'T NUDNIK**







# Return of the yored's son

By LOUIS RAPOPORT

MILITARY SERVICE is said to be the reason why many people leave Israel and also the major reason why they don't come back. But there are exceptions.

After two weeks of reserve duty, Zvi finally gets a positive response from one of his fellow *mitnakhim*. "You came back from America? *Koi hakavod!*" Most of the others say he must be crazy and they mean it.

At first Zvi gives rather ordinary reasons for his return to Israel. Then, the real and unexpected reason emerges: he came back to do his army service.

Zvi's family left Israel when he was 12 years old and settled in Los Angeles, where they ran an old age home. Zvi was brought up like other kids in Southern California, and became a self-described "sports freak," a thoroughly Americanized high-school football star. But his English was always a handicap — he still has an Israeli accent. Nor is he a master of his native Hebrew — his fellow sabras detect a limited vocabulary and a slight foreign accent concealed in his rapid speech.

When he came to California, he didn't know a word of English; but a teacher at his junior high school in the middle-class neighbourhood of Baldwin Hills took a special interest in Zvi, and tried to help his "absorption."

But he started out way behind, and he could never catch up. A series of "oldies but goodies" played on the Army radio station jars Zvi into recollections of the rock and roll music that his California classmates loved so much. Richie Valens, Buddy Holly, the Big Bopper made music that became the sweet, corny social glue that held Zvi's generation together.

But the young kid from Israel felt even more of an outsider because he didn't really know this music. He poured his energy into sports: basketball, baseball and mostly, football; and he became a varsity linebacker on the high school team — a tough position in a mean sport. This was the great achievement of his life.

He was a non-academic business

administration major, and continued until he was well into his twenties at San Fernando State college, where he also played some football.

"There were lots of Jews there, and a couple of hundred Israeli students; but that's where I ran into real anti-Semitism for the first time," Zvi says. "I heard things from fellow students like 'If you don't behave, we'll put you in the ovens,' or 'I hope that Arabs kick the shit out of you.' It was all said in a kind of joking tone, which only made it worse."

"I wasn't a 'practising' Israeli, I never thought about it up until that time, didn't even know I could buy *McDonald's* on *Parkway* Avenue until some Israeli students told me." He didn't belong to any organization and had no links with religion. But he went to hear Rabbi Meir Kahane speak at his college, and later, he went to a JDL-sponsored rally held in the heart of Los Angeles "Borscht Belt."

"There were three older people standing next to me, very upset about Kahane and the rally. They were *Auschwitz* survivors, and this fact somehow shocked me — my parents who fled from Czechoslovakia to Palestine, never talked about the Holocaust and I didn't know much about it," Zvi says.

"My parents also didn't talk much about their years in Israel. They were members of a religious kibbutz, where my father was a top mechanic. They moved later to Snei Brak, and finally left Israel in 1967."

My father was influenced by his two elder brothers, both of whom had gone to America from Czechoslovakia. They were successful in business and would send money to my folks — they thought we lived in tents."

Zvi's mother did not want to leave — "she loved Israel," but his father was "fed-up" and felt that he wasn't getting anywhere.

"I was 12 years old, but I knew I didn't want to leave either. I tried to run away from the boat — two policemen grabbed me and dragged



me back. My parents only told me and my two sisters that we were going to America 48 hours before our departure. I vowed I'd come back."

"I arrived in America wearing a *yarmulka* on my head. Two months later, I took it off for good, and started adjusting to my new life."

Zvi didn't pay attention to what was happening in Israel throughout his high school years. "Too busy with sports." Yet he always felt he was an outsider. He couldn't keep up socially, and never went to the *de rigueur* school proms. He spent all his leisure time watching television: a car commercial every 10 minutes; the dealer's dog posing on the hood of Today's Special.

"1967 was my first year in college, and I started to take an interest in news items about Israel," Zvi says. "I was proud of Israel, and felt a part of it. When the war broke out, I tried to volunteer. I wished I had been in the Israeli army — I got out of the American army by paying off a doctor, \$700 for an asthma 4-F. But I wanted to fight for Israel."

"In 1970, I came to the country on a study tour, spent six months on a kibbutz and then returned to L.A. After I graduated in 1974, I started the process for returning to Israel as an *oleh hadash*. At first, the Jewish Agency representative turned me down, said they couldn't help me because I hadn't served in the ar-

my. They said I had to serve three years in order to obtain full privileges. Then the rules of the game changed and I only had to serve nine months, at my age, to qualify for full immigrant rights.

"I didn't mean to stay here after the army — I just wanted to serve and then go back; but the privileges induced me to settle. So I did."

But for how long? Zvi boasts of his college degree, but he often seems immature and ill-educated, a spoiled kid. Summer jobs were always provided by his father, who sold the old age home and became a well-to-do building contractor.

His fellow reservists think Zvi is stubborn and superior; he feels he has an expert opinion about everything. He bulldozes his way through an argument with a religious kibbutznik in a neighbouring bunker, dominating the conversation as if it were a football match. At 30, he is still a boy. "I wish I never had to grow up," he says.

Although he seems basically good-natured, he rubs a lot of the men the wrong way. Zvi gets into a shouting match with Eliezer, a loud, demonstrative character with an organ-grinder's moustache, a fruit and vegetable dealer who came to Israel from Iraq in the 'fifties. The vulgarity of Eliezer's very first words to Zvi, concerning Zvi's wife,

shock him. Eliezer's next words are: "Twenty years I've been in this shitty army. I'm sick of it. What's it like in America? I want to go there. Israel is a rotten country, rotten people."

Zvi blows up, calls Eliezer "filth." A hot exchange follows, then silence. Zvi shows little patience, at first, for fellow reservists who constantly break the rules. It's his first stint and he's gun-ho for two weeks. Then, towards the end of the third week, he grows as sloppy and lazy as the next guy. But he still angers quickly at the ones who complain that they've had enough of the annual reserve duty. He himself has only been married for two months — to a Russian immigrant — and there are no children at home who are missing their father. It upsets family men who have done three years in the regular army, followed by reserve duty over 10, 20 or 25 years.

Zvi maintains that he came because of the army, but he admits that the army is the main reason most *yordim* don't come back. "My sister married an Israeli in Los Angeles. He can't come back here, because he avoided the army. He went to the University of California instead of doing his service — he just didn't want to go in. But his own brother came back from L.A. in order to serve his full three years; and when he finished, he returned to California; he didn't want to feel like a deserter. And now, the two brothers hardly talk to each other anymore."

He says one of the main reasons why Israeli men who left are permanently stranded in America is because they can't even visit Israel: "You're allowed only one trip back. After that, the army can draft you, even if you've acquired American citizenship."

Zvi lives in a Negev development town and works in a hotel. He says he's never been happier. But he doesn't exclude the possibility that he and his wife will leave someday, go to America.

He is an odd mix of Israeli and American. He's confused, and many of the people he encounters sense this. Every time they ask him — What are you doing here? — he has to ask himself that question.

TELEVIEW / Philip Gillon

## The weak and the old

briefly, has set up a comprehensive service for the child. His centre, obviously, should be emulated everywhere.

Israel is generally a very difficult country for the handicapped. The great Professor Philip Klein, the famous social welfare authority, who came to advise as a foreign expert and dismayed the government of the day by delivering a slashing attack on the lack of adequate social services, ascribed our indifference, and even hostility, towards the physically, mentally and emotionally underprivileged, to the work ethic that inspired the early pioneers. Up till the creation of the state, almost all immigrants had been young and healthy, determined to work for the new renaissance homeland; they and their sons were bewildered by the mass immigrations that included so many unfit for the religion of labour. Official attitudes have improved considerably since Professor Klein was here, but the approach of the community to the can't-works still leaves much to be desired.

This was the conclusion reached by Professor Yovel in summing up the long night, and I think he put it very well.

One of the specific difficulties that arises with deaf children, whose hearing impairment is not detected in time. (Here early detection may transform a life.) There is a tendency to assume that they are mentally retarded. In one news programme I

noticed that, when President Jimmy Carter was talking, an interpreter for the deaf was standing just behind him with twirling fingers. A very nice touch. Some stations write what people are saying so that the deaf can read. Israel Television should consider introducing some thoughtful ideas like these.

WE HAD two other major programmes devoted to the aged, one about Shai Agnon and the other about Dame Edith Evans. I must say bluntly that I found both of them irritating and unsatisfactory.

Agnon, that supremely subtle writer, was given every opportunity to present himself as a pathetic, silly old codger. In view of the great amount of written material available for presentation, I could think of no reason why he should have been left to do less than justice to himself. If somebody decided that it was worthwhile to mark the seventh anniversary of Agnon's death, it would surely have been advisable to spend some money and make a film based on one of his stories. If the cost of this was prohibitive, they could have had some accomplished actor or actress reading them. This was a poor way to honour one of our most enigmatic writers.

Much of the criticism applies to the B.B.C. tribute to Dame Edith Evans, presented with considerable saccharine by Bryan Forbes. She did read a few pieces — one was the

amusing poem by John Betjeman about the Abbey — but in an old, quavering voice. Although she ended with a brave declaration, "I will not be dead," there was little grandeur and pride in this film about one of the most remarkable actresses of the century. We were left to think impatiently that everyone else had passed on, why should she linger? The stills of her and Gladys Cooper as young women only served to emphasize the theme, "Golden lads and girls all must, / As chimney-sweepers, come to dust."

Surely Forbes could have found some films in which she acted, or at least could have played some records of her readings during her great days. He clearly loved her very dearly, but this was not the best way to demonstrate that love.

ON THE other hand, I must admit that old films do not stand up well to the test of time. When I first saw "I am a Camera," the 1936 film version of Christopher Isherwood's "Goodbye to Berlin," I thought that it was very good indeed, and I was completely captivated by Julie Harris as Sally Bowles. How high-spirited and full of vivacity she seemed to be. Since then we have seen the same novel transformed into that wonderful show, "Cabaret," with the incredible Liza Minnelli playing Sally. With recollections of her extraordinary vivacity still in the memory, poor Julie Harris seemed to be as pale and colourless as Ophelia

floating down the stream. Nevertheless, I hasten to add that this does not mean that Television House should not look in the archives for old films. There can be little doubt that many of these are still very enjoyable.

I DON'T KNOW whether it was the proximity of Purim that made Television House give us a "Get Smart," with poor Maxwell condemned to go through a bigamous wedding ceremony with a glamorous brunette, in order to save his country and make it a better place into which his unborn child could enter without trepidation. Maxwell was prepared to offer himself up as a sacrifice with commendable courage, although 99 was less patriotic about the venture.

It was very funny. Again I wonder why we cannot have more and more of these half-hour comedies. Normally, our ration is limited sternly to Archie Bunker, to whom I am completely converted, whether because he has become funnier or because my standards have dropped over the years. Bearing in mind the nature of the news scheduled for every nine o'clock, we need some comedy in advance to sustain us.

Talking about the news, I notice that Danny Pe'er is delivering it with his face to the camera, and never looks down to read it. Either he has a blackboard hidden from the camera in front of him, or he swears up his lines. Either way, it is a miraculous transformation, and I hope that all the others will imitate him. I also wish that Haim Yavin would cheer up, despite the news he is delivering; he seems to have lost that inimitable dash that used to console us for the reports he was presenting.

## Letters to 'Dearest David'

By SEAYA SHAPIRO

PERHAPS the most unexpected revelation in Michael Bar-Zohar's newly published biography of David Ben-Gurion is that B-G had a love affair — apparently on a purely intellectual level — with Chaim Weizmann's English secretary.

Doris May, 12 years Ben-Gurion's junior, took up Zionism as her "good cause," soon after graduating in classical languages and English literature. It was at 77 Great Russell Street, the headquarters of the Zionist Organization, that Ben-Gurion met her for the first time, and was spellbound by her erudition and open-mindedness. In London during the blitz, both spent their enforced spells in air-raid shelters studying Greek and discussing philosophy — and Zionism.

There are several letters addressed to "Dearest David," in

which the Anglo-Catholic Miss May advised her friend to read poetry, and admonished him for the "policy of murder" adopted by the disidents in Palestine as well as the lack of adequate Zionist propaganda in Britain. Some of the letters Bar-Zohar found in Weizmann's archives, of all places. Had Weizmann known of the relations between his secretary and his arch-enemy, the would have been a storm at Zionist headquarters, one of Weizmann's aides told the author.

After the establishment of the State of Israel, the redoubtable Miss May served in the Israeli Embassy as uncrowned head of staff until her retirement. In 1964, she visited Ben-Gurion in Sde Boker. When Ben-Gurion became Prime Minister

again, he persuaded her to join his staff in Tel Aviv for a limited period, which she did against her better judgment. ("Do you really want a Devil's advocate in your house?") During this six-month spell, the Sinai campaign was fought, and Miss May helped to draft the complicated documents which determined Israel's relations with foreign countries at that period. But after the campaign, she returned to England and ended her life in a small town, tending her little garden and her cats.

No letters could be traced for the period after Miss May's departure. The relations between her and Ben-Gurion must have cooled, the author concludes. And they were not rekindled when Miss May came to Israel again, in 1966, to help with the publication of the Weizmann letters.

IT OCCURS TO ME / Hadassah Bat Haim

## Child-rearing by the books

ONE OF THE disadvantages of having lots of published material on bringing up children is the sense of guilt firmly implanted in the minds of those who use it.

Not enough time has gone by to find out if the generation brought up by the book is affected by this. Will the knowledge that they have driven their elders into a state of permanent anxiety produce similar neuroses in them or will they have quite different kinds? For those of us who live long enough, it will be interesting — if wearing — to learn. In the meantime we pick our nervous way between several psychological and behavioural schools, confident only in the premise that whatever we do, it will always turn out that we should have done something else.

Not everyone sticks close to the book, but even the most nonconformist of us knows there is one rule that must never be broken: it is at all times forbidden to turn away from the inquiries of a blossoming mind. Every question, no matter how irrelevant, must be considered as gravely as if the future of the world

depended on it. If the answer is not within the scope of the mentor, it must be sought in reference books and from experts. With this precept ever in front of me, I have on occasion tried to find out whether horses dream, why too much ice-cream brings trouble to some and not to others and what colour are the stars.

The latest queries come from a member of the rising generation allowed into the kitchen to help with the baking: If Purim cakes are supposed to represent the ears of Haman, why are they filled? And if they are really pockets — this being my explanation brought forward from my childhood — then why are they three-cornered?

Leaving the dough to rise, we look for a portrait of Haman in a pictorial Bible, but his ears are invisible under a fur hat and he doesn't seem to have any pockets. Perhaps, I suggest, the shape is roughly representative of a head and the poptopped and other goodies are the brains.

My interrogator, who is one of those genius-type children who

knows everything, says that's not the way brains look. He knows, because his conscientious parents, worried about accusations of not encouraging his intelligence, have bought him a plastic man. He proposes now that we should experiment with macaroni for an accurate representation of grey matter.

If nuts and raisins, he wants to know, why not chocolate spread or peanut butter or marmalade? Declining his offer of help and at a loss to explain the traditional reason for the stuffing, I bribe him with the first batch of finished baking to go away and ask his daddy, Dr. Spock not withstanding, enough is enough.

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But I was mistaken, and Lotan now shows that he can better translate the incoherence of our universe with colour. To such effect, he opposes to each other violent and antagonistic tones — reds, blues, yellows, greens — punctuating them and giving a rhythm by putting between them blocks of similar frequency. He has the way of making this battle of colours more confused and relentless. In the first place he arranges each colour in small spaces, broken up into the smallest of areas; generally they form rectangles the acute angles of which constitute the image, the symbol, of men contending, body to body, day by day, in the struggle for life. Then he adds to the whole composition lines of violence marked with obstinacy. In this way, he not only gives the totality of the work, the unity that was threatened by the fractionating of the colours, he infuses in it a dynamic charge, the tension, as it were, of the bow that discharges the arrow. But this movement is not uniquely one of humanity in conflict. These strident colours are something greater than an image of the confrontation of our violence.

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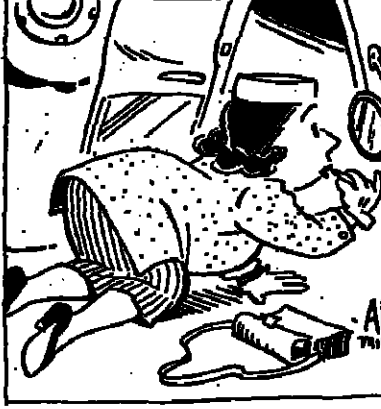
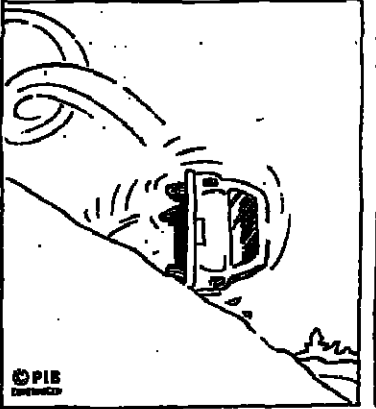
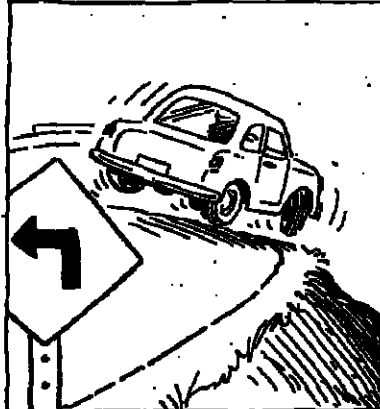


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\* In southern Ireland, trustworthy Israeli sales promotion + administration - interested in representing economic organizations, industrial plants, companies. P.O.B. 486, Tel Aviv.

\* Sale for personal reasons, gift + ceramics shop, regular customers. 748221, Friday: 44414, from Shabbat onwards.

\* Wish to acquire experience in developing going concern, possibility of investment. P.O.B. 2187, Tel Aviv.

\* Want to buy a petrol station anywhere in the country. Apply to P.O.B. 594, Jerusalem.

\* For rent, workshop with power and phone, 74sq.m. + yard with road. 748776.

\* For sale, complete restaurant and kitchen equipment including grill, 74777, Yehoshua.

\* "Everest" 02-53321, require businesses and factories for serious clients in Tel Aviv and surroundings.

\* Gil Toys require agents with commercial vehicle, + Rabbeim Hanneel, 823292.

\* Highly experienced people seek active business for monthly rental, restaurant, coffee house, steak house, carter in institution or large factory etc. Prepared also to invest. 728441, 9.00-11.00. 214317, 720753 evenings, 16.00-18.00.

\* Rehovot, self service grocery for rent, possibility for fruits and vegetables. 025-23543.

\* Ashdod, agent with office and house in central position, seeks serious agencies in Ashdod and Be'er Sheva. 05-25571, during office hours.

\* Go to where the business is. Bargain, mobile restaurant. 70057.

\* Required partner (driver) for tourist minibus. Tel. 214372, 22517.

\* 25% to 30% interest on large bank investment through us - Hevra Leigrot Hay Yavuvot Ltd., 30 Lillienhau, 2nd floor. Tel Aviv. 58986, 58433.

\* Mobile snackbar, completely organized + year test. 1989 model. Tel. 09-3024.

\* For sale, Ramat Gan shop, 37 Sokolov. To suit any purpose. 911496.

\* Rent or sale, established business, rubber stamps + engraved signs. Central Tel Aviv. 290922.

\* Rehovot, bargain due to dissolution of partnership, 35,000 buys your real estate agency combined with lawyer's office. 912466.

\* Sale, sun print firm in full working condition. 729899.

\* Rental, operating delicatessen with all equipment, galley, Harpeth, Ramat Gan, 33160, evenings and Shabbat.

\* Established aluminum business + large clientele of good standing + 4 stores, 100sq.m. in internal building, central + external links, needs active or sleeping investing partner. Investment about 11.5 million. Apply P.O.B. 1299, Be'er Sheva.

\* If you can invest 112,000-200,000 to open a new business in cream shop, Ramat Gan, Holon, Bat Yam, Tel Aviv areas, apply P.O.B. 1334, Tel Aviv, for 72838-L.

\* Groups

\* Purim party this evening for adults 40+. Ramat, 26 Keren Kayemet LeYisrael.

\* Let's speak English! Beginners, intermediate, advanced at the club for studying spoken English. 15 Hekdem, Tel Aviv (opposite Bet Hanayal). 459121.

\* Inter-Jewish singles' club, Shalom, Organisation, P.O.B. 619, Tel Aviv.

\* Singles encounter week-end, Group Dynamics, 11-3.1977, "Tivron", 02-937355.

\* Humanistic Psychology, Self-awareness, for couples and singles. Tivron 02-937355.

\* Certified Masseuse! Expert, experienced (35+) P.O.B. 3109, Tel Aviv.

\* "Pina", for college graduates, divorced, all ages and backgrounds. Confidential. 02-21743.

\* "Pina", Matchmaking Institute, for serious people, college graduates of all ages. Special department for religious people. 02-221743.

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### GYMNASIUMS

\* New!!! Expert masseuse, Isabella, 178 Ben Yehuda, Entrance A, 2nd floor, also Shabbat.

\* Single(!!), 37, works in book binding, interested in unpretentious young man. P.O.B. 5231, Yaffo.

\* Single girl, 23, graphic artist, very pretty girl, intelligent, economically well established. 234229, Offer Institute.

\* Widow, Swiss born, 56, lovely woman, exceptionally cultured and refined. 234229, Offer Institute.

\* Confidential! Practical engineer(!!), single, 31, pretty and intelligent, interested in serious person. P.O.B. 5122, Haifa.

\* Lovely, blonde, educated, student(!!), 30, P.O.B. 12045-M, Tel Aviv.

\* Private, if you are a widowed/divorced doctor, immediately interested in a warm, sweet nurse, 231260, 236271.

\* A pleasant Iraqi(!!), interested in someone suitable for marriage. P.O.B. 4156, Ramat Gan.

\* Guaranteed fast removals in central area, 11590, Shiri Meyers. 917254.

\* Hamariv, working, polishing cleaning from 400 + extermination. 701872, evenings, 35956.

\* Liquidation sale, rental, all kinds of caravans. 523293, 523294.

\* "Magician" - cleaning service for carpets and upholstery in your home. 02-930445.

\* We repair televisions, stereo equipment and electronic equipment. "Raytheon", 59 Ben Yehuda, Tel Aviv. Tel. 22372, 24672.

\* Pleasant, honest, modest bachelor, Ashkenazi, 30-130 + something to offer. 02-95507.

\* Pleasant bachelor with means, 38-170, interested in honest, sympathetic, very sweet woman. P.O.B. 36492, Tel Aviv.

\* Private-handmade, 27 seeks feminine woman, preferably Anglo Saxon. P.O.B. 261, Rishon LeZion.

\* Bachelor, 30-170 seeks pretty single. P.O.B. 1444, Tel Aviv.

\* Interesting, religious, English bachelor, 35, P.O.B. 9127, Jerusalem.

\* Established, traditional, Salma, lawyer, 42. P.O.B. 10049, Jerusalem.

\* Religious, handsome, neat teacher, 35. P.O.B. 7382, Jerusalem.

\* "Polish Bachelor" + cleaning + extermination!! Urgent jobs. 476355, also Shabbat.

\* Thorough cleaning and polishing in flats, offices and factories. "Shomron", 812585.

\* "Intermove" Ltd. international haulage, packing, container services, house moving, service, special rates for students. 34 Rehov Yitzhak Sadeh, Tel Aviv. Tel. 73737, 254927.

\* Energetic agents required, excellent income for suitable persons with initiative and drive. Those interested should apply to Yehuda Services Israel Ltd., 21 Yosef Haglili, Ramat Gan. 71981, 71983.

\* Endless wanted for tubular machines, good conditions. Rotex, 7 Derech Jabotinsky, Be'er Sheva. Tel. 729121.

\* Girl to learn profession, nail technician, 22, in Ramat Hasharon. 437767.

\* 11 Guards and doormen in Holon Industrial Zone. 21 Guards in Beit Dagan, Tel Aviv and Ramat Gan areas. Apply Mishmar Co., 9 Balfour, Tel Aviv. 729121.

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\* Avi Model requires experienced seamstress for modelling, specialist in enlarging women's and children's clothes. 232445.

\* Guards for regular work with good conditions in Tel Aviv, Ramat Gan, Petah Tikva, Bat Yam and Ashdod. Apply in person to Moshe Scharon, 210 House, 81 Shaul Hamelech, Tel Aviv, bringing army reserve card, identity card and two pictures.

\* Tabori Crystal Factory, Bat Yam, requires production workers. Tel. 464111.

\* Required Olivetti machine for printing, good conditions, 721880, Sunday.

\* Bookkeeper(!!) interesting, remunerative, convenient. We have varied temporary jobs for your knowledge. From Monday a day, high pay. Tel. 02-24121, Manpower, 12 Ben Yehuda, Tel Aviv.

\* Beginner clerk(!!) required for insurance office, after army service. Tel. 239665, 239655.

\* Import and marketing firm requires general clerk(!!) with knowledge of Hebrew, English typing, preferably from English speaking country. P.O.B. 3134, Tel Aviv.

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\* "Dorina" exclusive knitting mills, requires production technician, experienced in knitting branch, to carry out research and develop standards. Please contact: "Dorina", 23 Abba Hillel, Ramat Gan, 732328.

\* 114,000 in Pesach Campaign! For young people in permanent work during afternoon, evening hours. "Perfekt", 9 Balfour.

\* Foreman required for metal factory, with knowledge of metal changing work and mechanical work. P.O.B. 2300, Tel Aviv.

\* Waiters wanted by Tivoli Cafe. Tel Aviv. Tel. 24733.

\* Wanted army veterans(!!) with driving license. Orna Model, 82 Albany, 2nd floor.

\* Girls!!! Up to 116,000 monthly, with or without car, possibly in free time. 205155.

\* Experienced citrus grower for young family with children, managing 50 dunam orchard near Ashdod, 40 hours monthly. Apply in English, 748776, 748777, 748778.

\* Sherutzy Shomrim require guard for an installation in Hertzliya area, army veterans to age 55, 11.50 per night shift. Apply 02-930445 between 08.00-17.00 or 367745 after 20.00.

\* Men wanted for Egged parcels delivery for afternoon work. Apply Mishmar Co., 9 Balfour, Tel Aviv.

\* Project Carpentry Shop requires carpenter and apprentice with initiative. 02-230251.

\* Tourist guide wanted for continuous work in Swedish and/or English. 223517, 220819.

\* High-paying work-mornings, evenings, evenings + Metel. 223703.

\* Children's boarding school requires instructors(m.f.). Tel. 02-24687.

\* Office cleaner(!!) required for afternoons in Holon plant. 511380-7.

\* Girls for cosmetic products distribution during free hours in Bat Yam, greater Tel Aviv. 02-230251.

\* Refused-youth production manager with initiative for large plant, excellent conditions. Please give full details to P.O.B. 3608-1.

\* Private laboratory in Lod requires medical assistant(f). Tel. 921159.

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Dodge diesel 700 lorry, 1970  
 Work - \$20316, home - \$79023  
 For sale, Leyland lopper, 1968  
 \$63369.

### **BACK-UP TRUCKS**

Dodge D200 V8N, 1971  
 Excellent condition. Tel. 3033  
 07.00-14.30 for Mr  
 Xagras Kregal.

Dodge 200, 1974. Apply Tel  
 31 between 07.00-14.00.

### **FACTORS**

Weiss shovel 1974, like new,  
 with ability of permanent place  
 at \$85513.

### **LEM**

Washing machine + General  
 electric refrigerator, large  
 electric stove + grill in ex  
 cellent condition. 02-528213  
 ings.

Country-style oak-wooden  
 parter chair. Scandinavian bare  
 metal bed can be used as serving  
 table, and elegant coffee table. 02-  
 38.

Bargain! White Westinghouse  
 in excellent condition. IL 3.  
 aquarium. 02-421516, no

Used, cupboard, gram, fan  
 desks even. 02-94440.

### **Carpets**

For sale, 2 Persian carpets in  
 good condition. Tel. 54253.

For investors. Pair of super  
 1970s-mode Kashmir carpets. 02-  
 32.

Cleaning rugs for clearance  
 per sq.m. 431336, not Shah

### **ating Equipment**

Plumbing, heating system  
 maintenance, repairs. "T.D.L." 02-  
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### **Physical**

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Tuning, repairs  
 conditioning and choice of new  
 use plans, guaranteed  
 Tel. 08.00-13.00; 18.00-19.00.

Musical pianos & organs at  
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 Steinway Böhsler. Krehel. A.

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\* 3, heating, view, phone, wall cupboards, 112,300, Ramat, 02-23507.  
\* Pat, 3, 7th floor, southeast, Tel. 02-23507.  
\* Bayit Vegan, 70sq.m., 20 steps, cupboards, 112,900, 02-23507.  
\* Ramat Zehavi, 2 rooms, quiet, 1st floor, view, Lin-Dar Real Estate, Tel. 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Gilo, exceptionally attractive, 4 rooms, closets, 112,000, Lin-Dar Real Estate, Tel. 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* East Talpott, 3 1/2 rooms, closets, 112,300, Lin-Dar Real Estate, Tel. 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* 3 large on Uziel, large kitchen, unbelievable view, Tel. 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Katamon Yeshua, sunny large (120sq.m.) 3 room flat, 2nd floor, 112,300, Kanel Realty, Tel. 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Givat Mordechai, 3 rooms, wall cupboards, closed balconies, 02-23507, 02-23507 (except Shabbat).  
\* Roma, 3 + cupboards, view, large kitchen, Rehov Haemem, Tel. 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Mangal Yavneh, 3, dinette, cupboards, independent heating and more, 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Gilo, 3 + dinette, well-planned, immediate entry, 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Talpott, 3 + hall, well-lit, heating, balconies and cupboards, Tel. 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Immediate! Kiryat Menahem, 3 + additions + private heating, 3rd floor.  
\* In Ramat Torah, 3, southwest, 02-23507, not Shabbat.  
\* Talpott, 112sq.m., 4 rooms, dinette, double conveniences, 3rd floor, view, quiet, parking, 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Bargain in Beit Hakerem, (Sderot Hahar), 4 rooms, central heating, 2nd floor Shalom Agency, Avi Cohen, 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* French Hill, 3 rooms, 2nd floor, garden, 112,000, Shalom Agency, Avi Cohen, 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* New Givat Mordechai, 4 rooms, dinette + storeroom, 112sq.m., 112,300, 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Givat Beit Hakerem, 3 rooms, 2nd floor, additions and improvements, 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Arab Katamon, over villa, 3, hall, balcony, central heating, 3rd floor, flat, ground floor, 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* 3 in Talpott 112,000, 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Centre, 3 1/2 rooms + heating, 02-23507, not Shabbat.  
\* 2-3 ROOMS  
\* Kiryat Yovel, Kiryat Menahem, Kiryat Beit Hakerem, Talpott, "Pitum Or", 3 Ben Yehuda.  
\* Centre, 2 room modern flat, 12,00-16,00, 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Kiryat Menahem, 2 1/2 + closed balconies, heating, opportunity, 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Two rooms, Shmuel-Hanavi, central gas, heating, well-kept, 2nd floor, view, other extras, stove, refrigerator, washing machine optional, Call Barbara at work - 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Opportunity, 2 rooms, Hante, Kiryat Yovel, one flight up, 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Maker Baruch, 3 Hahashmonaim, separate flat + garden, 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Young couple! Opportunity, 2 well-planned rooms, 112,300, 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Talpott, 2 1/2 rooms, built-in cupboards, private heating, 02-23507, 02-23507, Fridays and Saturdays.  
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**VILLAS & HOUSES**  
\* Malcha, Arab house, 7 1/2 rooms, best improvements, and extras, "Talmud", 22,432.  
\* Ramat Deyna, new villa, 5 bedrooms, phone, heating, immediate, all facilities, Tel. 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Ein Kerem, villa, 6 1/2 large, 12 rooms + 3 bedrooms, swimming view, 112,000, "Vira-Dar Properties", 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Ein Kerem, renovated Arab villa, 4 rooms + 1/2 dunam garden, "Vira-Dar Properties", 02-23507, 02-23507.

**CONTRACTORS**  
\* Israel Brothers Ltd. offer all size up to date, all areas of office space, 22,432, 22,432, up to 2 Ben Yehuda.  
\* 4 room flat, Sderot Hahar, About Levy, 02-23507, 02-23507, not Shabbat.  
\* Kabilan Yerushalayim Baam with all friends a happy Purim and announce offer of last remaining 4 room flats, offices, at discount prices, Tel. 02-23507, 02-23507.

**Flats - Key Money**  
\* Centre, 52, German Colony, Tel. Area, "Pitum Or", 3 Ben Yehuda.  
\* Key money, in centre, 3-room flat, 2nd floor, opposite Merkaz Clal, also for office, 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Ben Yehuda, 2, cupboards, solar heater, storeroom, key money, 112,000, 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* 3 + 2, in centre, heating, residence, office, 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* One room flat, conveniences, centre, ground floor, Tel. 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Kiryat Shmuel, 2 to let for key money, 2 rooms + hall, Tel. 02-23507, 02-23507.

**Flats - Rental**  
\* Kiryat Menahem, Talpott, Katamon, Bayit Vegan, Ramat, "Pitum Or", 3 Ben Yehuda.  
\* Bayit Vegan, for religious, a new rooms, empty, Friedman Real Estate, 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Tchernichovsky, 3 empty rooms, phone, heating, hot water, long term possible, from April 15, 112,000, 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Bayit Vegan, for religious, 4, empty/furnished, heating, ground floor, 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Gonen, monthly rent, 2 room flat, empty/furnished, 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Rehavia, available immediately through April, 3 beautiful rooms, kitchen, 700 for entire month, Lin-Dar Real Estate, Tel. 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Rehavia, 3 flats, 4-5, residence/office, 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Monthly rent, 2 room flat, empty, Tel. 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Centre, 4 large rooms, square entrance, quiet, Shalom Agency, Avi Cohen, 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* French Hill, 4 rooms, empty, phone, 112,000, 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Talpott, 3 rooms + cupboards, phone, 2nd floor, 112,000, 02-23507, 02-23507.

**Flats - Wanted**  
\* Seek 3-room flat, about 80sq.m., good directions, intermediate floor, Ramat Zehavi or Kiryat Moshe, 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Wanted 2 1/2-3 room flat, upper floor, elevator, heating, parking, 2nd floor, exposure, or 4th floor North Tel Aviv area, Tel. 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Seek 3-4 1/2 rooms, Talpott, Rehavia, Kiryat Shmuel, Neve Granot, No agents, 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Professor needs 6-room house or flat, Rehavia, Beit Hakerem, Ramat Zehavi, Kanel Realty, Tel. 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* We have clients waiting to rent your flat! Furnished or unfurnished, Ring now, Kanel Realty, Tel. 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Flats for sale + rent, summer rentals, Clients are waiting, 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* For 2 years, 3 1/2, Ramat Deyna, Completely furnished, heating, phone, 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Near university, 3 furnished + phone, quiet, May-July, 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Bayit Vegan, 2 rooms + salon, furnished, phone, heating, 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Shmuryahu Levin, 4 room cottage, furnished + phone, garden, 02-23507, 02-23507.  
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\* 12sq.m., 2nd floor, lifts, for any purpose, 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Beit Shmuel Industrial Zone, premises + power, 140sq.m. + 12sq.m., 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Givat Beit Hakerem, 3 rooms, 2nd floor, additions and improvements, 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Arab Katamon, over villa, 3, hall, balcony, central heating, 3rd floor, flat, ground floor, 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* 3 in Talpott 112,000, 02-23507, 02-23507.  
\* Centre, 3 1/2 rooms + heating, 02-23507, not Shabbat.  
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TEL AVIV STOCKS Market chalks up good week

TEL AVIV. — With an eye towards Purim festivities the stock market closed the week in satisfactory fashion. Shares were uneven but there were enough gainers to maintain the course of the upward market. Bonds also continued to exhibit a bullish tone, and the Natat investment dollar not only consolidated Wednesday's 15-point gain but managed to add on another three points to an all-time high of IL10.42. The General Index of Share Prices rose by 0.28 per cent to 115.80 points. Bank Leumi shares, in the wake of a good balance sheet, added 1/2 point to 303.10 (pref. + opt.) followed suit to 146.5. Other commercial and mortgage banks continued to mark time as prices remained fixed. Insurance shares continued to rebound from recent profit-taking. Arco gained 9/16 to 605, and Hasmech added 4 to 430 1/2. All shares showed some gains in this section of the market.

Real estate and land development shares apparently began the Purim holiday early as there were almost no changes in their prices.

Industrials lacked the excitement of recent sessions. There were no broad swings among the market favourites. Phoenixia, the glassmaker, saw its shares traded on a "buyers only" basis. The registered shares closed at 166 and

Most active issues

L.D.B. (pref.+opt.)	149.5-0.5	IL950,400
Bank Leumi	303+0.5	IL850,300
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Shares traded:		IL15.8m.
Variable:		IL12.8m.
Bonds:		IL10.42-3/4
Natat:		\$170,000
Demand:		\$103,000
Turnover:		

Sole Bonch 10% pref.	b	430	404
Property & Building	r	287.5	287.5
Isra	r	292	292
Machadim	r	530.5	530.5
I.C.P. Citrus	r	352	345
Neot Aviv	r	342	345
Pri Or Ltd.	r	480	473
Rassco - 8% pref.	r	208	208
Rassco	r	161	169.5

INDUSTRIAL	r	845	845
Alliance - B	r	435	480
Elco - 2.5	r	315	324
Electra - B	r	305	310
Argon - 8%	r	177	178
Ata - C	r	505	495
Dubek	r	135	135
Elco. Wire & Cable	r	1190	1192
Teva	r	220	220
Chem. & Phosphates	r	190	190
Lewin Epstein	r	240	238.5
Moller Textile	r	238	238
Paper Mills	r	235	214
Asita "B"	r	354	350
Neuchatan 8% pref.	r	240	225
Elite	r	185	179
Shemen - 8% pref.	r	185	185
Frutarom	r	620	616
Frutarom New	r		
Elron IL2	r		

INVESTMENT COMPANIES	r	242	238
Elgar	r	352	350
Elron	r	850	840
Central Trade	r	264.5	264.5
Hapoalim	r	324	330
Paz	r	165	163
Wolcom - IL10	r	187	187
Ampa	r	260	260
Unico	r	230	230
United Mizrahi	r	282	283
Bank Leumi	r	306	306
Export Bank	r	188	187
Clal	r	223	223
Clal Industries	r	324	321

FUEL, OIL AND UTILITIES	r	1130	1110
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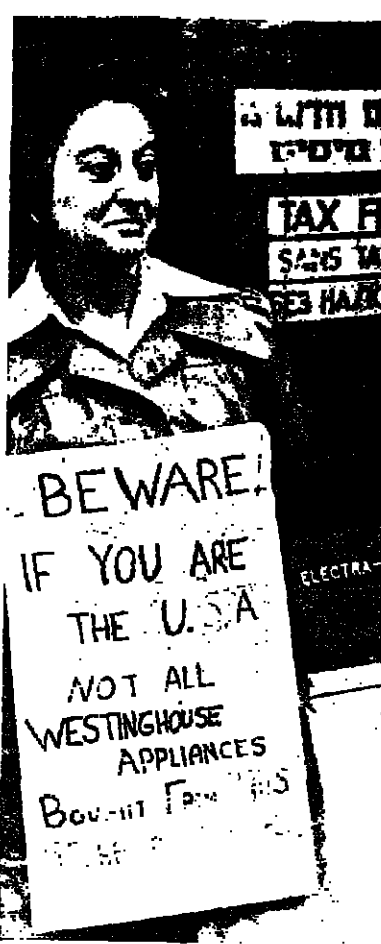
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One-woman protest

LEILA BRODSKY of Jerusalem held a one-woman protest demonstration outside the Electra appliance store in Jaffa Road on Wednesday, charging the firm with misleading new immigrants. Her daughter, a recent settler with immigrant privileges, ordered a Westinghouse washing machine from Electra, the American manufacturer's authorized dealer here. The daughter was assured, as is stated on the sign in the window, that the washer was free of duty. But when she came to free it from customs, she was billed for IL700 duty. The official explained that although Westinghouse is a U.S. company, the machine was assembled in Italy and not — as required in cases of customs exemption — from the ole's country of origin.

"If Electra had told us that the washing machine was not shipped from the U.S., we would have bought elsewhere," said Mrs. Brodsky. When her two-hour protest began to attract passersby, the storekeeper called her inside and offered her payment for customs. But Mrs. Brodsky refused, asserting that all goods should have their origin clearly marked so immigrants are not fooled. She says she intends to picket the store again.



Bar-Lev at Tel Aviv-Yafo Chamber of Commerce

Licensing system for importers demanded

By J. VOET

TEL AVIV. — Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev must have felt almost as if he were in the enemy camp, when he faced the 31st general meeting of the Tel Aviv-Yafo chamber of commerce here this week.

The meeting opened with a scathing attack on the Government's economic policies by chamber president Avner Ben-Yahar. He criticized the high rate of inflation, labour unrest and "unnecessary" export subsidies. He scored the Government for doing something — not enough — to alleviate underlying symptoms, but failing to muster enough courage to tackle underlying causes.

He stressed that while Government spending was much too high, commerce was the only sector of the economy that did not enjoy subsidies.

He also pleaded for a licensing system for recognized importers. The present situation allowed persons not qualified for the task to import merchandise, and led to the waste of foreign currency.

Rebutting the charges Bar-Lev asked the audience not to apply to our economy the yardsticks of other nations, which are not at war. Inflation was the price we paid for fostering exports and avoiding unemployment, he said. Our task now was to see to it that this inflation remained limited, he added.

The Minister admitted the failure of the Government's wage policy. He hoped that compulsory arbitration would do better than the present negotiations with pressure groups.

"It is easy to say the Government should cut down on expenditures, but the economic measures you suggest require manpower. How to engage more people with less money is a puzzle that has yet to be solved," Bar-Lev said.

The Minister concluded with an exhortation not to disregard the achievements of the last year. These included rising exports and the fact that the balance of foreign currency reserves was out of the danger zone.

Warning against atomic power plants

Jerusalem Post essay Editor

The public opinion campaigning against the construction of an atomic power plant at Nitzanim told the Knesset Interior Committee Wednesday that the potential risks to the population were not being properly checked.

Council spokesmen said that the Atomic Energy Commission and the Electric Corporation were not paying due attention to warnings by American and other experts.

Amendment proposed for inheritance tax law

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Inheritance Tax Law would be amended to increase the basic sums exempted from tax, as well as the tax tables themselves, in accordance with the cost-of-living index, under an amendment by Simcha Erlich and Yehzekel Flumin (both Likud-Liberals) which was voted to the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday.

Flumin explained that the figures in the law as last fixed at the beginning of 1976 would have to be doubled to allow for the decline in the value of the pound.

SHEKEM'S LARGEST store in Israel, occupying an area of 6,000 square metres and complete with baby-sitting facilities, was dedicated this week in Beersheba.

Egypt's tax reform law has little chance of curing many basic ills

By SUSAN DEFORD

CAIRO. — Egypt's Tax Reform Law may never have the chance to cure the country's economic ills, because it must be administered by an underpaid tax department riddled with corruption and institutionalized paralysis.

The combination of a hapless tax administration and antiquated tax laws has produced scant revenue for government coffers. In 1976, tax collections totalled \$921m., 8 per cent of the country's \$13.3b. budget.

Tax collectors themselves admit their brethren are susceptible to bribes from tax evaders, but argue this results from the low pay and prestige accorded their position.

Few people in Egypt pay taxes, many because they are too poor and are tax exempt. Those with money, the rich and the middle class, evade taxes because present laws tax away nearly all their wealth.

Although no accurate statistics can be obtained, observers estimate that in a country of 38m. people, with a labour force of 10m., the number of taxpayers is well below three million.

Egypt's new tax law is now being discussed by ruling party officials before being submitted to a legislative subcommittee of the People's Assembly. Although government officials called for tax reform two years ago, it took two days of bloody food-price riots in January to spur speedier consideration of the bill.

The main provision of the tax reform attempt is to redistribute the tax burden and eliminate widespread tax evasion.

Under the new law, Egyptians will be required for the first time to submit statements listing their sources of income.

The law carries a stiff penalty, 25 years at hard labour, for those who give incorrect information or fail to submit an income statement every three years as required.

Reform measures also provide for increasing the ceiling on tax exempt incomes to \$1,250 and reducing the 95 per cent tax on annual income above \$25,000 to 70 per cent.

But as far as Egypt's tax collectors are concerned, the long overdue reform means more reports and files without any palliatives to sweeten their task. "They didn't make our job any easier," a tax official said. "We still have the same system. We're going to have to work more at the same pay."

Although Egypt's myriad tax laws are confusing, ineffective and encourage evasion, the tax administration's structure defies any attempt at organization. In 1971, the Finance Minister changed the collection system from a geographical basis to one divided according to specialized taxes. For example, in Cairo there are no district tax offices responsible for the collection of all taxes within a certain area. Instead, there are 22 specialized tax departments with categories like communication tax, food commodities, agriculture tax, textiles and general income tax. These departments are responsible for the collection of their respective taxes throughout Cairo, a city of eight million people.

However, the system differs for rural areas, where tax departments aren't specialized and must collect all varieties of taxes from residents.

Relationships of mutual distrust thrive between taxpayers and tax collectors. The offices of the government's 4,800 tax collectors are uniformly shabby, overcrowded and present little privacy between a tax collector and his client.

It is common practice for a collector to record an exaggerated preliminary estimate of a client's profits because "his boss thinks that he is taking bribes from clients," one tax collector said.

'Berlin exhibit' in Haifa

By LEA LEVAVI, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israeli construction engineers who went to Berlin for advanced training were so impressed by the course and the hospitality, that they wanted to do something to reciprocate. This is how the idea of the Berlin Exhibition, which will open Saturday night in Haifa, was born.

The exhibit, which shows both the history and the projected future of Berlin, will move from Haifa to the three other major cities. From here, it will travel to other countries.

At a press conference here Wednesday German representatives emphasized the importance of the exhibit in bettering German-Israeli relations. A German embassy spokesman said that the exhibit includes pictures of synagogues destroyed by the Nazis and rebuilt after the war.

A special attraction at the exhibit will be multivision, where pictures are shown simultaneously on seven television screens, each picture complementing the other six.

About ten trainees a year take the courses in Berlin, all at the Germans' expense.

87% of Dan vote for Egged merger

By YITZCHAK OKED, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The public may look forward to improved bus service in about two months as a result of the decision to merge by the Egged and Dan bus cooperatives, Egged spokesman Rafi Rosenberg said yesterday.

An overwhelming 87 per cent of Dan members voted in favour of the merger.

The partnership committees of the cooperatives met yesterday to iron out a number of outstanding issues. Rosenberg said the next step would be joint meetings of the two secretariats.

Officially the full merger of the cooperatives will take place in six to eight months, but it will then be retroactive to January 1.

Turkey devalues lira

ANKARA. — Turkey this week devalued the lira by approximately three per cent against the U.S. dollar, according to the Official Gazette.

The new rate is 17.50 lira to one dollar. The reason given by the Official Gazette was the strengthening of the dollar on international markets.

(Reuters)

THE KIBYAT HAIM local committee has elected Gloria Fischer as chairman, replacing Ze'ev Shoshani, also a Labour Party veteran.

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The Dow slid a bit after the government announced that factory orders fell 2.1 per cent, the biggest drop since March, 1975.

(AP)

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## Vacillation's price

THE PRECISE INTENTIONS of the Lebanese Government in suggesting a UN force of undisclosed nature to patrol, or police, the border area with Israel, or perhaps even a wider territory beyond it, remains somewhat obscure. What is fairly plain, however, is that the new proposal exhibits an old pattern of official Lebanese behaviour: the tendency to resolve acute problems by ducking and evading them.

Of all the Arab countries neighbouring Israel, none has seemed, from the start, to be a more natural candidate for a peace settlement than Lebanon. Large segments of the country's population have always been rather sympathetic to the Zionist, and then the Israeli, enterprise. There has never been any dispute over territory between Lebanon and Israel. The international frontier could easily have been made a permanent border of peace decades ago.

It has, of course, always been realized in both Beirut and Jerusalem that Lebanon could not be the first Arab state to take such a daring step. The country's position, both externally and internally, is too tenuous for that. But Lebanese politicians have gone out of their way to cite their difficulties — the constant threat from expansionist Syria, the precarious balance between Christians and Moslems, or the Palestinian refugees in camps — as an excuse from taking any move towards peace at all.

The 1949 armistice agreement became a shield rather than, as originally contemplated, a bridge to a final settlement. When, 19 years later, the Security Council offered a formula for a "just and durable peace," Beirut argued that it was exempt from the obligation because it had taken no active part in the Six Day War. Conveniently forgetting that it had pronounced the armistice dead on June 8, 1967, it blithely went on to claim that it was only bound by that document.

Therefore, it kept away from all post-war diplomatic efforts. After the Yom Kippur War, in which it had taken no part, Lebanon insisted that it need not go to Geneva. Let others solve its problems for Lebanon, it seemed to be saying.

In the meantime, however, it was not even prepared to assume its duties under the armistice agreement. The depredations of PLO terrorists from bases in southern Lebanon were, in Beirut's version, the responsibility of Israel, which had "expelled" the Palestinians. Instead of trying to discipline the terrorists in their encampments, the Lebanese Government weakened its own position by making agreements with them. When, in the end, it would run to the UN, to complain about Israeli "retaliation" — and, every now and then, to ask for UN observers.

This ostrich-like attitude has cost Lebanon very dearly. In 20 months of a disastrous civil war. But the lessons have apparently still not been fully assimilated. True, Beirut is now, at long last, prepared to go to Geneva "at a later stage." But to prevent the resurgence of the terrorist menace in the south it can still think of nothing — short of the entry of Syrian troops, which is intolerable to Israel — except the introduction of UN policemen. Lebanon's salvation will not come from the intervention of strangers. What Lebanon needs is not a buffer between itself and Israel, but a more human engagement which has lately been developing in the border zone. The people of southern Lebanon, both Christians and Moslem, have had enough of the terrorists, and they will surely cooperate with Lebanese national forces in maintaining the peace of the area.

Let the Government of Lebanon only put its foot down, and it will find that many — including Israel — are prepared to back it to the hilt.

## Bank Leumi is 75

OF THE BIG THREE undertakings that handle between them over 80 per cent of Israel's banking business, one belongs to private enterprise; one to the Histadrut, that is the workers; and one — the biggest of the three, Bank Leumi — to the World Zionist Organisation, that is, the Jewish people.

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Although most of its shares belong to the wider public, policy control remains in the hands of Otzar Hityashrut Ha'Yehudim, a subsidiary of the WZO — in other words, in the hands of the nation.

Lately the bank has given all the owners of its stock voting rights, which enables them to attend shareholders' meetings, and to demand information. Nevertheless three-quarters of the voting-power stays with the OHE. Whether this is to remain the pattern, only the future can tell.

Meanwhile the existing control system makes sure that this powerful financial instrument continues to serve the Zionist and the national interest — as it has done, successfully and constructively, since the beginning of the present century.

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AL HAMISHMAE (Mapam) rejects the contentions of the Likud against the Prime Minister's planned visit to Washington next week. "It is pure demagoguery to contend that he should postpone the visit until after the elections. The heads of all the states of the region are to visit Washington. In view of the importance of the Prime Minister's meeting President Carter

and leading administration personalities, it is clear that to postpone the visit would undermine Israel's standing and its links with the new administration. As to the matter of authority, so long as it remains in office, the Government has the full authority to function in accordance with the policy approved by the Knesset.

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## Shoot first, then draw your target

THE EXPLANATIONS emanating from the Treasury about what happened on the public-sector wage front recall the hoary tale of the village archer who told an admirer of his unerring marksmanship that there was really nothing to it: you simply had to shoot first and outline the target afterwards.

For months it has been dinned into our ears that any breach of the government's wage policy would spell disaster. Wage restraint was the most important condition for containing inflation, for keeping government expenditure within the budgetary limits, for continued improvement of the balance of payments, and for the resumption of growth. Later on, The Finance Minister, Mr. Tevashna Rabinowitz, was quoted as having exclaimed in Lear-like tones, upon hearing of the wage settlement with the doctors, "You have ruined me the country."

Not so long ago, official spokesmen explained that the fall in the real wages of public-sector employees reflected the priority given by the government to production. The slogan which embodied this policy was "With the face towards production."

According to what we now hear from the Treasury, the wage settlements reached last week in the public sector will be no disaster. Their economic impact will, in fact, be slight.

What we are now being told is, in short, that everything has remained within planned limits, and that the 2.5 per cent limit to wage increases was never the whole story because that limit did not include promotions. Also, there was never any intention to reduce real wages in the public sector, only to contain them. A whole battery of arguments has disappeared and left a grin behind.

THE TREASURY, unlike anyone else, is evidently able to have it both ways. Something can be a disaster before it happens, and no more than a slight inconvenience after the event. But this time, the traditional gullibility of the public is being taxed to the limit.

What happened last week actually reflects more upon the government's ability to govern than upon either the planned limits, or the piratical attitude imputed by the press to what is, after all, nearly 30 per cent of the country's working population. The strikes and sanctions which have bedevilled the country for months, and with increasing momentum in the last few weeks in the shadow cast by a possible package deal, have not exactly ended with a whimper, but neither has there been any big bang. The settlement reached seems to be totally out of proportion to the violence of the preceding disputes.

This gives rise to three questions. One: how large will the resulting economic disaster (if any) be? Two: can a 6.7 per cent pay rise be settled only by first unsettling the whole country? And three: why had no new wage agreement been signed with the civil servants since April 1976, so that they will now be getting back pay for nearly a year?

With regard to the economic consequences of the present industrial peace, or rather truce, the Treasury may be closer to the mark with its present explanations than with the policy arrows shot into the blue in the past.

The government's gross outlay for the wage rises will be about IL2b. Of this, IL700m. will be recouped through income tax, leaving additional disposable income of about IL1.3b. Although IL1b. of extra expenditure was already provided for in the budget reserve, let us assume that the entire amount will represent an addition to aggregate demand.

How is this likely to affect prices? ACCORDING to available estimates, each pound of additional expenditure may generate, as it percolates through the economy, half a pound of second-round expenditure.

The Treasury now justifies a policy it had until recently condemned as disastrous. But Post Economic Editor MEIR MERHAV says the reversal may be far from a disaster.

the rest being drained off into imports and savings. The IL1.3b. may therefore, as the expenditure works itself out, increase total GNP by IL2.5b. which happens to be about 2.5 per cent of what was forecast for 1977. Were the economy fully employed, this would mean that prices might go up by 2.5 per cent.

But the additional demand will not come up against an economy unable to provide more goods and services. The Bank of Israel estimates that there is unutilized capacity of 15 to 20 per cent — most of it in areas geared to the domestic market. Potentially, therefore, the economy could easily supply the extra demand without any price rise and what we would get would be, after three years of stagnation, an expansion of real output.

In our inflationary atmosphere, however, the wage rises will be taken as one more signal for producers to jack up their prices. Last week's anguished cries by Treasury officials that inflation would now double from 25 per cent to 50 have no doubt "helped" in this respect.

Most important, the government's lame-duck attempt to impose a wage-price freeze although dead in the Knesset, has not yet been officially declared defunct. The resort to emergency regulations still remains a possibility, albeit a remote one. Thus, all those who can, and who want to be on the safe side of price controls, will try to raise their prices.

More consumption, it will be argued, will worsen the balance of payments in two ways. First, it will increase imports both directly and, in the shape of raw materials, indirectly. Second, it will play havoc with the government's efforts to attract more workers and productive capacity to the export field. If the import component is about 30 per cent, the expansion of the GNP by IL2.5b. may cost the economy some \$50m. in foreign exchange. To earn that amount, we would have to export \$100m. more goods and services. This is no negligible amount — but it is also far short of a calamity.

THERE REMAINS the two-part argument that the extra demand for consumption goods will shift workers away from producing for exports and that the rise in public sector wages will again attract new workers to clerical jobs rather than industry. Much plant and machinery is already idle, we are told by the Bank of Israel, especially in domestically-oriented industries.

The first part of this argument clings obstinately to an overemployment theory which has little foundation. Industrial employment remained virtually unchanged between 1972 and 1975, despite the rise in real output. There is little question that considerably more can still be produced with the existing labour force. With an unemployment rate in excess of 4 per cent, with a labour force participation of 46.3 per cent, including 17 per cent which is regularly employed only part time, the limit of available labour is in any case still some way off.

As to the second part of the argument, it is high time to lay to rest the idea that the labour force is a homogeneous reservoir which, in response to varying financial incentives, can feed either industry or the services. This may serve some didactic purpose in an economics

classroom, although heaven knows why anyone should want to teach or learn such theorems. In reality there is little competition between candidates for clerical and administrative work and potential industrial workers. Wage differentials have little to do with it.

In short: the economic disaster predicted in Cassandra-like wails as late as last week is not going to happen — at least not because the public sector wages are going up. But if we can afford to let the predicted GNP mount a little without choking on it, the question arises whether the whole recessionist policy is not founded on unimaginative timidity and the continuation, through habit, of a policy which may have been inevitable in 1974, but which has now become dangerously counterproductive.

If OUR analysis is more or less correct, it means that IL2.5b. more output may cost \$50m. in foreign exchange. Each dollar saved by reducing the assumption thus costs something like IL40-50 in domestic resources made idle. To justify such a cost, the recessionist ideologues would have to promise a fantastic return for this "investment" at some later time. We have had no hint of such a prospect even from the wildest optimists.

To deal with our remaining questions: could the apparent "class struggle" that engulfed the country have been avoided? Apparently not, considering the mechanics of wage negotiations. For had Messrs. Eadian, Gani, Waldmann and other leaders of the various unions told their constituents, "We have obtained a 6.7 per cent rise through peaceful negotiations," they would have been informed that they might get twice as much had they gone on strike. Struggle is an essential part of the process. Union leaders must not only win — their victories must be hard-won.

But one should not put the main blame on the union leaders. The fact is that the government took no initiative over a new wage contract in April, 1976. Instead, it dug itself in behind the framework agreement signed with the Histadrut, which stipulated a maximum increase of 2.5 per cent.

Although it should have borne in mind that 1977 would be an election year, and that Mr. Meshe's signature is valid only if counter-signed by the individual unions, the government seems to have believed that it would muddle through somehow. As a result of the attempt to hide behind the Histadrut secretary general, negotiations, when they finally had to be conducted, became acrimonious. A settlement was reached only after the country had been submitted to recurrent breakdowns in services, after whole groups of public servants had once again been taught the demoralising lesson that only force will achieve anything, and had been branded as near-traitors.

No employer has any valid excuse for dragging out, or acquiescing in the dragging out, of the renewals of labour contracts. The Histadrut must learn that it cannot serve as a guarantor of wage policy in the absence of individual wage agreements, and that foot-dragging and prevarication are no alternative to a rational policy and good management.

What has happened has exposed both the government's ineptness in the conduct of its own declared policy and the aimlessness of the policy itself, whose only purpose apparently is to mark time. It has shown that to present the current stagnation to us as the necessary prelude to economic recovery at some indefinite future date is an expensive illusion.

Perhaps the economic expansion now forced upon the government will loosen the rigidities created by three years of standstill and set us on a new course. It could, however, have been done in a sounder way.

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## Dry Bones



### POSTSCRIPTS

ARIK SHARON's lightning visit to Britain has "biltzed" Israel's information drive, according to our London correspondent. People who have been striving long and hard to counter Arab propaganda are feeling desperate as a result of Arik's failure to appreciate that he says down on his farm can't be said in so many words in London.

Sharon wanted headlines and got them, especially when he advocated that Israel should meet, and in effect recognize, the PLO. By doing this, he has given the Arab lobby in Britain a powerful argument for their case to legitimize the terrorists, an argument the Jewish community has been fighting for some time.

Moreover, Sharon provided valuable ammunition to detractors of Israel when he said that the present government had caused moral degeneration and that mass emigration was due to Israeli bureaucracy.

Addressing a distinguished audience brought together by Winston Churchill M.P., Sharon declared that the Rabin Government had made Israel "hostage to the U.S. administration" and led Israel to negotiate "from a position of weakness".

More ammunition for Israel's detractors was given when he said: "Until 1973, Israel did not really try to reach a settlement with the Arabs." Or "In Israel people are not ready to do anything but die for their country."

An old friend of his set up the British Friends of Shalom, but it is doubtful whether the wealthy friends of Israel drawn together by Churchill will provide the financial support he obviously seeks. The impression Arik makes is of the lone ranger ready to ride forth to Israel's rescue. As he said, "I want to stay on."

my farm but I fear the Egyptians will be at the gate...we have no leadership." Then he went on to talk of replacing the present system with a president governing with a team of technocrats. That idea sends shivers down some spines.

JEWISH TRADITION prescribes that when a building is constructed or a piece of art is created, a small corner is left unfinished to remind the beholder of the Destruction of the Temple. The city fathers of Jerusalem and officials of the Committee for the Reconstruction of the Jewish Quarter may have had this in mind when they decided what to do with the ruins of the Old City's Hurva Synagogue. A contribution from Dr. and Mrs. Andre Alenstadt of Montreal will allow the company to strengthen the foundations and repair some of the arches amid the ruins. But the once-magnificent will not be reconstructed.

"With the rest of the Jewish Quarter rebuilt, we don't want anyone to forget how we found the ruins of the Hurva Synagogue. Eventually, he hopes a new Hurva Synagogue will be constructed next to the "memorial ruin." But today, there are "enough" synagogues in the Jewish Quarter, he adds. "It's more important to spend money for new synagogues in the outlying quarters like Ramot and Gilo."

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### READERS' LETTERS

#### THE YADLIN CASE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Doris Lankin, in her article discussing the reasons why Asher Yadlin changed his plea from "not guilty" to "guilty" (February 15), advanced three possible explanations. It is the second explanation, coming from such a learned, competent jurist, that baffled me. Ms. Lankin stated in part as follows: "...Yadlin despaired of getting a fair trial in the atmosphere of public vengeance fermented against him...no-one could blame a layman in the judiciary process, like Yadlin, for such fears, in the light of his four months of detention without bail without any real justification." (Italics mine).

Is Mr. Yadlin, the highly sophisticated public servant who was slated to become the Governor of the Bank of Israel, comparable to a simple layman, unfamiliar with Israel's judicial process? Mr. Yadlin did not have to be a trained jurist to know that he would be tried by a compe-

tent judge who would be guided solely by the law and not by press reports or public outcries. Moreover, Yadlin had the best available legal assistance to advise him.

Now, after the court trial, it is obvious that there has been no valid reason to blame the press for unfounded reporting which evoked "public vengeance" against the accused. On the contrary, the Israeli press should be commended for doing investigative reporting in depth, in the best tradition of American and Western journalism which disclosed Watergate and other similar abuses of public trust. If it were not for the Israeli press, the Yadlin affair and analogous cases would probably still lay dormant.

One can readily sympathize with the personal tragedy of the Yadlin family, but any comparison of the Yadlin case with that of Dreyfus in France, as it was done in a public letter, was an affront to the sufferings and good name of that greatly maligned Jew.

One also wonders about Doris Lankin's statement that Yadlin's detention without bail was "without any real justification." Such preliminary detention of a suspect in criminal offenses, to prevent obstruction of justice, is an accepted practice in Western jurisdiction. In fact, in Israel, this procedure has many additional safeguards for the detainee, as the investigative organs controlled by law and strictly controlled by the judiciary in this respect. The fact that the prosecution in the Yadlin case was ready to present the testimony of 50 witnesses to prove the accused's guilt clearly shows that the accused could have tampered with the testimony of these witnesses if he had free access to them.

Finally, the findings of the court and the sentence conclusively vindicate the Israeli media of any excessiveness in this case.

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